

## OMRAH CABERNET MERLOT 2004

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	John Durham
<b>REGION :</b>	Grown on the Rocky Horror and Bouvray vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Cabernet & Merlot
<b>MATURATION :</b>	20 months in 25% new French oak
<b>ANALYSIS :</b>	14.0% alc/vol   6.8g/L TA   3.57 pH

### VINTAGE :

The coolest vintage experiences probably since 1982 which produced zippier, lighter, more restrained styles of wines, but still with really good fruit definition. The cooler conditions meant fruit was harvested much later than normal. Great Southern still produced sufficiently ripe fruit, while some vineyards in the Great Southern weren't harvested at all due to a lack of sugar and flavor ripeness.

### WINEMAKING :

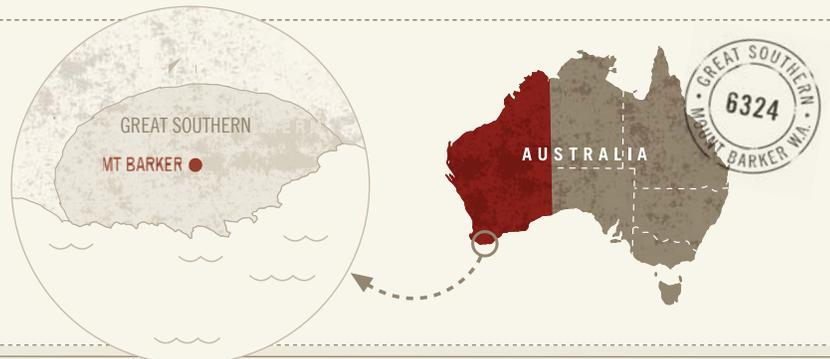
Fruit was harvested when flavor ripe which this vintage occurred long before the sugars accumulated fully in the berry. Fruit was simply crushed, fermented warm, pressed gently after an average of 10 days on skins, racked a number of times before going into barrel after malolactic fermentation was completed.

### TASTING NOTES :

Plummy, mulberry, blackberry notes, a dash of tarragon and thyme, along with a whisker of vanilla derived from its time in oak. Generously proportioned with smooth, finely polished tannins, balanced acidity and lively favors that are the hallmark of the variety. Great balance; an easy drinking style with depth of flavor, making this a perfect food wine.

### ABOUT PLANTAGENET :

An historic producer, Plantagenet Wines was the first winery to be established in Western Australia's Great Southern wine region. Named after the local Shire of Plantagenet, the winery was founded in 1968 when English immigrant Tony Smith identified the potential of these wild and remote lands by planting vines on his Mount Barker property. His initial plantings impressed, producing Rhône-style Shirazes and stylish Cabernet Sauvignons, soon to be joined by Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay. These aromatic varieties thrived in the cool, continental climate, and Plantagenet has gone on to become one of the leading names in the region, as well as a driving force in establishing the Great Southern as a distinctive, quality-focused Australian wine region.



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