

2004 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Predominantly from the Wyjup and Bouvray vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in 40% new French oak
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE REPORT:

The 2004 vintage in the Great Southern region of Western Australia was characterized by consistent, mild temperatures with a notable absence of harsh or inclement weather, allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and consistently. The season began late and concluded later than usual, resulting in fruit of elegant structure, bright acidity and fresh, vibrant fruit characters.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY:

The dry, cool to mild climate of the Great Southern region is well suited to the production of a spicy Shiraz of great depth of flavor and structure. Through careful viticulture and winemaking and moderate use of French oak, Plantagenet endeavor to produce a wine that will express its sense of place and deliver harmonious and compelling flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

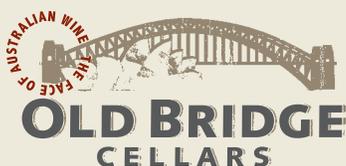
The color is a deep garnet, suggestive of a dense and concentrated wine. Aromas of red cherries and blueberries are vibrantly expressed on the nose, with fragrant violet perfume and pepper spices contributing interest. The palate is generous, with abundant red and black berry fruit, fine grained tannins and a silky, seductive texture that is above all else, beautifully balanced.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 pts James Halliday, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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