



## 2005 OMRAH SHIRAZ

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	John Durham
<b>REGION :</b>	Grown in the Great Southern, Blackwood Valley and Geographe regions of Western Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Shiraz (97%), Viognier (3%)
<b>MATURATION :</b>	Aged for 24 months in 15% new French and American oak
<b>ANALYSIS :</b>	14.5% alc/vol   6.3g/L TA   3.66 pH

### VINTAGE REPORT :

The 2005 growing season provided perfect ripening conditions of mild temperatures and relatively dry conditions for the majority of the season. In early April the heavens opened up, though thankfully the majority of the fruit had already been harvested. The fruit harvested from 2005 expressed lively, varietal flavours with solid, ripe tannins and fresh acidity.

### WINEMAKING :

The 2005 Omrah Shiraz was fermented warm in closed fermenters before being gently pressed off skins to ensure minimal extraction of harsh tannins. Each batch was aged separately in a combination of French and American oak barrels of which 15% were new. The blend was assembled in January 2007 and bottled in May of the same year.

### TASTING NOTES :

Deep crimson in color with aromas of black cherry, raspberry and lashings of vanilla cream. This typically cool-climate Shiraz also shows a hint of anise and pepper spice, with biscuity oak in the background. The palate is supple and smooth, with finely polished tannins, balanced acidity and lively flavours that smack of Shiraz.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts Wine & Spirits, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 87 pts Wine Spectator

### 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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