



2006 OMRAH SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	John Durham
REGION :	Grown in the Great Southern, Blackwood Valley and Geographe regions of Western Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz, Viognier
MATURATION :	Aged for 20 months in 25% new French and American oak
ANALYSIS :	13.6 alc/vol 6.7 g/L TA 3.53 pH

VINTAGE REPORT :

2006 was the coolest vintage experienced on record since 1982, which saw restrained, zippy and lighter styles of wine produced than usual. Fruit was harvested much later than normal, however in the warmer regions of Western Australia this fruit was sufficiently ripe yet without excessively ripe flavours.

WINEMAKING :

The lower than average alcohols resulting from such a cool vintage have benefited this wine style. Fruit was simply crushed, fermented at warm temperatures and pressed gently after an average of 10 days on skins. After malolactic fermentation was complete the wine was racked a number of times before maturation in a combination of French and American oak for 20 months, 25% of which was new.

TASTING NOTES :

This wine offers lifted pepper berry notes typical of cool-climate Shiraz with subtle oak characters which impart a sweet, vanilla cinnamon note. The palate is dense yet supple, offering a harmonious balance between plush tannins, rounded texture and bright cherry fruit. The finish is clean and crisp with hallmark spice reflecting the cool vintage.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

2006 vintage - not yet reviewed

2005 vintage - 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,



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