



2006 OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Grown in the Great Southern, Blackwood Valley and Geographe regions of Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.2g/L TA | 1.1g/L RS

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 2006 Omrah Chardonnay was fermented in stainless steel to retain the fresh stonefruit, grapefruit and cumquat fruit characters typical of Western Australian Chardonnay. Malolactic fermentation is discouraged for the same reason, though a short period of lees contact follows fermentation to impart texture and mouthfeel prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Brilliant pale straw in color with aromas of yellow peach, fresh honeydew melon and mandarin peel backed by subtle yeasty characters. The palate displays a fine acid backbone running alongside plenty of fresh, citrus flavours. Creamy texture combines with a snazzy zing for a crisp finish with delightful lingering fruit flavour.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 87 pts James Halliday

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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