

2007 HAZARD HILL SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Predominantly Geographe, Blackwood and Great Southern regions of Western Australia's south west
VARIETALS: Shiraz
ANALYSIS: 14.8% alc/vol | 5.9g/L TA | 3.55 pH

VINTAGE:

A dry hot year characterized by moderate vine growth and yield; a welcome mild spring moved into quite a warm early summer and by late February hot conditions prevailed till cooling rains mid March which helped the vines with fruit still left to harvest. Definitely one for the record books - the shortest vintage ever.

WINEMAKING:

The 2007 Hazard Hill Shiraz was fermented at warm temperatures in closed fermenters then pressed gently to ensure minimal extraction of harsh, bitter tannins. Each batch was matured separately in a combination of stainless steel tank and oak barrels prior to blending and bottling. Micro-oxidation was employed to some degree with the stainless steel-matured batches in order to harmonise the structure.

TASTING NOTES:

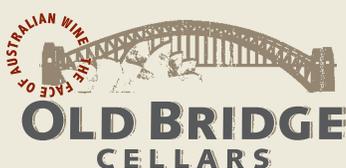
A savory, dusty aroma of liquorice and cocoa powder with ripe prune/plumy fruit aromas reflecting the very warm vintage. A lush, plump, soft and supple wine that seeps across the palate, with fleshy fruit notes of prunes and stewed cherries, and a dash of spice finishing with structured silky fine tannins and a soft warm finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 88 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts Wine & Spirits

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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