

2007 OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Predominantly from the Rocky Horror, Crystal Brook and Rosetta vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region.
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 7.0g/L TA | 3.32 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

2007 was a dry year characterized by moderate vine growth and yield. A welcome mild spring led into quite a warm early summer but by early March hot conditions prevailed till cooling rains helped what fruit was still left to harvest from mid March. This was to be one of the hottest and consequentially shortest vintages on record.

WINEMAKING:

The 2007 Omrah Chardonnay was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks after the clean juice is drained/pressed from the skins and pulp and racked off gross lees. Once fermented the wines spends considerable time on its yeast lees with stirring to provide mouthfeel and complexing flinty lees flavours.

TASTING NOTES:

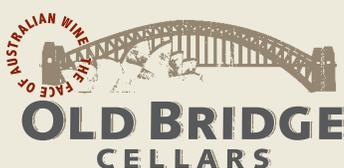
Brilliant pale straw in color with aromas peach stone, fresh lemon rind, a touch of yeastiness and distinct chalky mineral notes. The supple, juicy palate displays a rather lush texture with stonefruit and citrus flavours and an arrow of acidity providing length and zippy freshness. Lingering mineral citrus flavours make this the ideal wine to match many types of dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts James Halliday, 88 pts Robert Parker, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 88 pts Wine Spectator, 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,



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