



2007 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Predominantly from the Wyjup and Bouvray vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in 40% new French oak
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE REPORT:

One of the hottest and consequently shortest vintages on record. A dry year characterized by moderate vine growth and yield; a welcome mild spring led into quite a warm early summer but by late February hot conditions prevailed causing sugars to climb dramatically, till cooling rains mid March helped moderate conditions, benefitting the fruit still left on the vines.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY:

The dry, cool to mild climate of the Great Southern region is well suited to the production of a spicy Shiraz of great depth of flavor and structure. Through careful viticulture and winemaking and moderate use of French oak, Plantagenet endeavor to produce a wine that will express its sense of place and deliver harmonious and compelling flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

Juicy ripe cherry and blackberry fruit greet the nose, cloaked with chocolaty, vanilla biscuit notes. Underlying spicy, tobacco and mineral notes resonate Shiraz. A sumptuous, textural palate with not a thing out of place, layered complexity and long berry flavors coated with lingering spicy choc liquorice flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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