



2008 PLANTAGENET RIESLING

Review Summary



94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A little reductive on opening; incredibly tight lemon fruit, and a super-strong core of minerality; there is also a touch of exotic fruit on the palate, but the line and length suggest great longevity.”

**James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion
2010**

94 pts “I sat next to John Durham (the new winemaker for Plantagenet, ex of Cape Mentelle) at a dinner last night and thought he was a quiet, thoughtful kind of chap. I found the same thing of David Hohnen. Men of few words, but choice ones when they manage to get a couple out. Still waters must have run deep at Cape Mentelle. Anyway, old JD is doing a magic job on the Riesling at Plantagenet. Aromatic with pretty bath powder, apple and limes. It has a chalky texture that's super minerally and dry, if not a little austere, and flavors of lime and spiced apple. In particular it has length and carry that mark it out as a special wine.”

**Gary Walsh
The Wine Front**

92 pts – 4 stars “John Durham has turned out an uncannily Germanic – styled Riesling with very fine, creamy, lemony Aromas and a subtle, refined, juicy palate which carries an illusion of sweetness. Great delicacy. You'll want another glass – cellar for 6 years.”

**Huon Hooke, Australian Gourmet Traveler
February/March 2009**

90 pts “The 2008 Riesling is light straw-colored with a fragrant nose of baking spices, acacia and lemon-lime. Crisp, spicy, and vibrant on the palate, this light-bodied Riesling is nicely concentrated and has the acid structure to evolve for 2-3 years.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186**

90 pts – BEST BUY “This lively riesling backs up its fragrant, juicy peach flavor with firm green apple acidity. It's rich in the middle, talcky and saline in the end. For grilled prawns.”

**Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009**



89 pts “Bright straw color. Musky pear and lime aromas are complicated by quinine and honeysuckle. Strikingly pure and racy, with nervy citrus and green apple flavors and good mineral cut. Becomes more floral with air, picking up a sexy lily of the valley quality and finishing with very good clarity and lift.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009**

88 pts “Light and crisp, with a polished feel to the nectarine and melon flavors, finishing with a touch of lime.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Online
2009**

4 STARS “Gentle aromas of limes and citrus blossom. Great flavour intensity built around the light-bodied palate with its steely, minerally spine.”

**Winestate New Releases
Plantagenet Riesling 2008**

Top 100 of 2009 “The WA Riesling revival is in full swing this year and Plantagenet, a newcomer to The 100, is perhaps, on one level, a square peg in a round hole. (However that is our problem, not the wine’s!) Taste it again and appreciate the angular, cool, mineral-driven nature of this wine and see just how appealing it could be to the greater public. The responsibility might fall to producers like this to introduce Riesling to its true, new audience rather than relying on the more famous Clare and Eden Valleys.”

**Matthew Jukes’ Top 100 of 2009
May 2009**

PLATINUM MEDAL

2009 Sommelier Challenge

GOLD MEDAL

2009 Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia

Great Value “A few sips taken while I was cooking were quintessentially lively with scintillating limestone and actually puckery with animated acidity. The dish gently moderated the wine’s aggressive stance and emphasized the camellia-jasmine floral elements and scents and flavors of lemon and pear delicately touched with notes of lemon-grass, lime peel, ginger and quince. This is a riesling of lovely purity and intensity whose pert cool crisp character is enveloped in a seductive texture of talc-like softness. The alcohol content is a comfortable 11.7 percent. I’ll drink to that!”

**Fredric Koeppl, www.biggerthanyourhead.net
May 31, 2010**



Light Wines for Hot Days - 10 Terrific Light Wines “Plantagenet 2008 Riesling: Cool herbs and lime notes make drinking this Riesling a distinct pleasure. It’s from a winery on the southwestern tip of Australia, south of Perth.

**Ray Isle, Food & Wine
August 2009**

“We loved the citrus flavors and supple texture of this Australian beaut. Delicate and floral in the nose, it has elegance and style. One of the best we tasted.”

**Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, The Capital Hometown Annapolis
July 2, 2009**

★★ “Great Southern – confusingly located in Western Australia is not terribly well known, but wines like this illustrate the region’s potential. Juicy melon, lime and nectarine flavors anchor the crisp, polished Riesling.”

**Anthony Giglio
Food & Wine Wine Guide 2011**

“Plantagenet is on fire (not literally I hope) at the moment. The 2008 Chardonnay and 2008 Cabernet are both world class, but it is this sweetie which really entrances the palate. Smooth, decadent, dreamy and long it is not too vinous and navel-gazing – unless you are looking at a beach babe! – so you can happily let it luge over your palate pricking up the hairs on the back of your neck as it does so. The 2009 vintage which follows is a stunner, too. Get this wine in your cellar, on your list or on your shelves today. It is a guaranteed winner.”

Matthew Jukes’ Top 100 Best Australian Wines 2011