

2008 OMRAH PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Grown on the Rocky Horror, Bouverie & Hayview vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Pinot Noir
MATURATION:	12 months in 20% new French oak
ANALYSIS:	13.8% alc/vol 6.1g/L TA 3.47 pH

VINTAGE:

A promising start to the season with useful rains and mild conditions from spring to early summer allowed for vigorous vine growth. Apart from a handful of very hot days, mild to warm days were the norm during veraison with the odd typically chilly day scattered throughout the growing season. Fruit ripened steadily but surely under the ideal conditions, resulting in flavorful, lively wines, with well defined varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING:

The 2008 Omrah Pinot Noir was fermented at warm temperatures in a mixture of open and closed fermenters. Plunging and pumping over was practiced daily for 10 days prior to gentle pressing. Each batch was kept separate and racked to French oak barrels, of which 20% were new. The blend was partially assembled after malolactic fermentation in June, then racked back to barrel for further maturation prior to bottling.

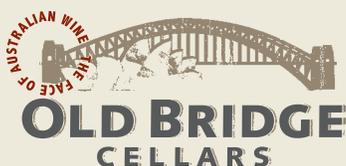
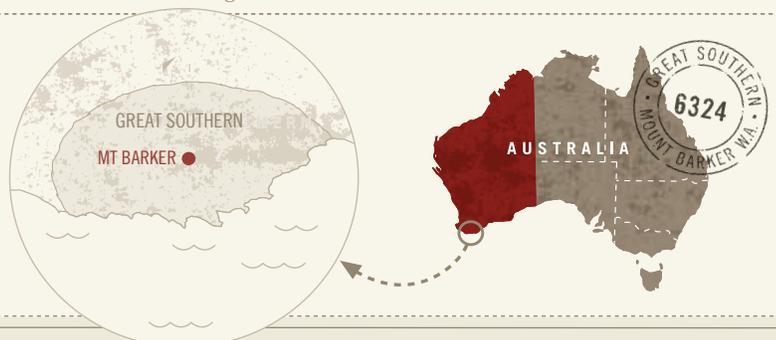
TASTING NOTES:

Cherry and raspberry with that distinctive spice of Pinot and subtle undertones of oak derived vanilla. Supple and smooth with lashings of sweet fruit, finely polished tannins and balanced acidity that provides a finely poised backbone for the vibrant fruit flavors and varietal spice notes that provide a great length and focus.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2008 vintage: Not yet rated, 2007 vintage: **89 pts** Robert Parker, **88 pts** Wine Spectator, **88 pts** Wine Enthusiast, **87 pts** Wine & Spirits Magazine

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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