

2008 OMRAH SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Grown in the Great Southern, Blackwood Valley and Geographe regions of Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz, Viognier
MATURATION:	Aged for 20 months in 25% new French and American oak
ANALYSIS:	14.8 alc/vol 6.7 g/L TA 3.53 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A promising start to the season with useful rains and mild conditions from spring to early summer allowed for vigorous vine growth. With dry, mild conditions prevailing January to end of February, flavors intensified nicely, while we were blessed with mild to warm days during veraison and the growing season. Excellent quality resulted, with flavours generously spicy and berryish.

WINEMAKING:

Fruit was simply crushed, fermented warm pressed gently after an average of 6 days on skins, (less than normal). Tannins were a dash aggressive this vintage due to the short ripening period causing a lack of tannin ripeness and consequently some micro-oxidation was employed to smooth the tannins. Each batch was then racked a number of times before going into barrel after malo lactic fermentation has completed.

TASTING NOTES:

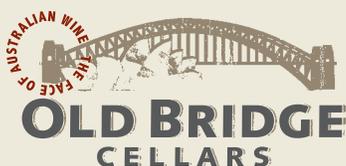
Plush blueberry and plum with just a hint of characteristically regional pepper and spice notes. Subtle oak characters impart a sweet, vanilla chocolate note. The bouquet will evolve with time in the bottle providing further complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts James Halliday, 87+ pts International Wine Cellar, 87 pts Wine Spectator

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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