

2008 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Grown on the 37-year-old Wyjup and Bouverie vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	24 months in French oak
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE REPORT:

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 through out the growing season. Fruit ripened steadily but surely under the ideal conditions, resulting in flavorsome, lively wines, with well defined varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING:

Winemaking is geared toward producing a wine that is harmonious, complex and most importantly drinkable by fermenting with gentle maceration, some long skin contact time, but by and by a largely hands off approach and of course a moderate use of quality, fine grained French oak. Small amounts of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Malbec were also used this year to provide roundness and complexity.

TASTING NOTES:

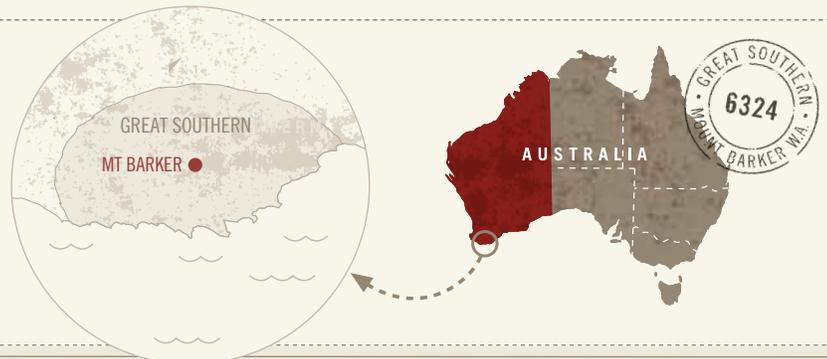
A complex, plush yet stately wine, with notes of blackberries, currants and vanilla with just a whiff of hedgerow. A punchy vibrant palate with depth and length, layers of fruit with a core of fine tannins and well judged acidity that will reward long term cellaring.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 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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