



2008 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:	24 months in French oak
ALCOHOL:	14.2% 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 around Christmas, mild to warm days were the norm during veraison with the odd typically chilly day scattered throughout the growing season. Our Shiraz was harvested relatively early between the 25th to the 31st March with sugars ranging between 24.4 to 25.7 brix, moderate acidity and good pHs.

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:

Luscious cherry and blackberry aromas greet the nose, wrapped with chocolate and vanilla. Underlying spicy, peppery and tobacco notes abound that distinguish a classic Shiraz. A sumptuous, textural palate with not a thing out of place, layered complexity and long berry flavors coated with lingering spicy cherry flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 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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