



2009 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:	14.4 alc/vol 6.1 g/L TA 3.49 pH

VINEYARD:

Fruit for the 2009 Omrah Shiraz was sourced primarily from the Great Southern region of Western Australia. The Rocky Horror vineyard is the cornerstone, supplying 60% of the blend for this particular wine, with vines growing on free draining ironstone gravel loam soils planted with a perfect northerly aspect and grown to exacting standards to optimize flavor and color.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit is crushed to closed fermenters, pumped over rather gently to avoid harsh tannins and fermented warmly to please the yeast. The wine was pressed gently after an average of ten days on skins and racked a number of times, to not only clarify the wine but to also aerate it to accommodate the aging process and was racked to barrel after the malolactic fermentation is complete.

TASTING NOTES:

A dense yet supple harmonious wine palate. Lovely plush tannins, rounded texture with bright plummy, cherry fruit flavors and a clean finish with hallmark spicy lingering flavors. Subtle oak characters impart a sweet, vanilla chocolate note.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Australian Wine Companion, 90 pts International Wine Cellar, 90 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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