



## 2009 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN RIESLING

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	John Durham
<b>REGION:</b>	Predominantly from the 37-year-old Wyjup vineyard in Western Australia's Great Southern region
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Riesling
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	11.8 alc/vol   7.7 g/L TA   2.0 g/L RS   3.12 pH

### VINTAGE REPORT:

After a cool wet spring and early summer, a dry February and March followed allowing flavors to intensify in a relatively disease and pest free environment. Mild sunny days were the norm during veraison though there were a few typically chilly days scattered throughout the growing season. The fruit ripened steadily but surely in ideal weather with vintage proper not starting till the first week in March.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes are harvested cold at night with just the free run juice and first pressings kept for the Riesling. The crystal clear juice is racked off lees, inoculated with a neutral yeast strain, and cold fermented. Winemaking is kept simple, minimal, and gentle preserving the fruit and vineyard qualities as much as possible. The outcome is a vibrant fresh wine with clean lines and great length that will age for 10 - 20 years to develop wonderful toasty, honeyed characters that complement the wine's natural fruit characters.

### TASTING NOTES:

Showing great delicacy and restraint, the nose reveals spicy green apple with minerally slate, lemon rind notes and a nuance of citrus blossom. Firm, natural acidity carries the length of the palate and is adequately balanced by vibrant citrus flavors with a spicy edge. Long, lingering citrus flavors present now will evolve into toasty, honeyed characters over time.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 94 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Gold Medal/95-100 pts International Wine Challenge

### 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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