



2010 OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Predominantly from the Rocky Horror and Rosetta vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region.
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.0 g/L TA | 3.36 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A cold, wet spring and mild summer delayed budburst, slowed shoot growth then prolonged flowering, resulting in some uneven ripening later on. However, January and February conditions were warm and dry, which, along with moderate yields, hastened ripening considerably, producing Chardonnays with excellent varietal definition and good natural acidity.

WINEMAKING:

The Chardonnay fruit was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks after the clean juice is drained/pressed from the skins and pulp and racked off gross lees. Once fermented the wines spends considerable time on its yeast lees with stirring to provide mouth feel and complexing flinty lees flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

A peachy nose, with a twist of lemon and just a hint of creamy yeastiness and minerality. A lovely rich smooth palate of mouth filling flavors with a crisp clean finish to bring the wine into focus. Exudes Chardonnay purity, with both fullness and finesse.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Australian Wine Companion, 88 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts International Wine Cellar

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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