









2010 HAZARD HILL SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: John Durham

REGION: 40% Great Southern, remainder from Pemberton, Blackwood

and Geographe appellations of Western Australia

VARIETALS: 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Semillon
ANALYSIS: 13.5 alc/vol | 6.6 g/L TA | 3.32 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A cold, wet spring delayed budburst and shoot growth was slowed by cool to mild weather all the way through into early summer. However the January and February temperatures were quite toasty and along with the dry conditions, hastened ripening considerably. Yields were naturally reduced thanks to a light fruit set, which also helped the grapes ripen with excellent varietal definition.

WINEMAKING:

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc is the quintessential Western Australian blend with a nod to Bordeaux. The wines are typically fermented in stainless steel and released fresh and vibrant, the round structure of Semillon enhanced by the tighter linear tructure of Sauvignon. A true example of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.

TASTING NOTES:

A lush and inviting nose of guava, citrus blossom and lemongrass leads into the supple, juicy palate bursting with racy citrus zest, golden apple and gooseberry fruit. Balanced and rounded, its lively acidity and hints of wet stone add interest and complexity through to the very end of a persistent finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Stephen Tanzer's 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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