



**PLANTAGENET**  
WINES  
GREAT SOUTHERN  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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## 2012 HAZARD HILL SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Cath Oates  
**REGION:** Predominantly Geographe, Blackwood and Great Southern regions of Western Australia's south west  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0 alc/vol | 5.7 g/L TA | 3.6 pH

**VINTAGE REPORT:**  
 A generally warm and dry February and March allowed fruit to ripen steadily and good flavors to develop. A hot spell at the beginning of March brought the reds forward and a warm dry autumn allowed them to finish off slowly, retaining intense aromas. Shiraz for this blend was harvested from mid March through to the middle of April where the mild Indian summer weather ensured fully ripened fruit, with soft tannins and bold fruit flavors.

**WINEMAKING:**  
 The fruit for the Hazard Hill Shiraz is machine harvested at night to ensure optimal aroma and flavor retention. Fermentation takes place of skins for 2-3 weeks with daily pump-overs to extract maximum varietal flavor. The wine is pressed off skins gently and matured in a mix of stainless steel and oak.

**TASTING NOTES:**  
 The 2012 Shiraz shows ripe black bramble fruits, a line of red berry compote and mocha oak notes on the nose. The palate is soft and supple with spiced blackberry and mulberry flavors accented by soft chalky tannins and a warm finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:**  
 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 87 pts Wine Specator

**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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