



2009 HAZARD HILL SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

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| WINEMAKER: | John Durham |
| REGION: | 40% Great Southern, remainder from Pemberton, Blackwood and Geographe appellations of Western Australia |
| VARIETALS: | 68% Sauvignon Blanc, 28% Semillon, 4% Riesling |
| ANALYSIS: | 12.8 alc/vol 6.5 g/L TA 3.22 pH |

VINTAGE REPORT:

It was a promising start to the season with useful rains and mild conditions from spring to early summer which allowed good vine growth. Apart from a handful of very hot days, mild to warm 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 under the ideal conditions, resulting in flavorsome, lively wines, with well defined varietal flavors.

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 structure of Sauvignon. A true example of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.

TASTING NOTES:

Lifted grassy and gooseberry notes with pronounced citrus blossom and lemon rind overtones that are fragrant, clean and inviting. The palate is supple and juicy, with delicious racy lemon and grapefruit flavours and a distinct mineral counterpoint. Lovely balance, harmonious and round but finishing with crisp and clean with great persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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