



PLANTAGENET
WINES
GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



2011 OMRAH PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Grown on the Rocky Horror, Bouverie & Hayview vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 12 months in 20% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.2% alc/vol | TA: 6.2g/L | pH: 3.45

VINTAGE:

A cold, wet spring delayed budburst, then shoot growth was slowed down considerably by continuing cool to mild weather all the way through into early summer prolonging flowering. However, the January and February temps warmed up combined with dry conditions meant that ripening was considerably hastened. Ripeness ranged between 23.3 brix from Bouverie to a much riper 25.2 brix from the Hayview vineyard with Rocky Horror in the middle at 24.6 brix. Yields ranged from 2-2.5 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The 2011 Omrah Pinot Noir was fermented at warm temperatures in a mixture of open and cold fermenters. Plunging and pumping over was practiced daily for 9 days prior to gentle pressing. Each batch was kept separate and racked to French oak barrels, of which 20% were new. The blend was partially assembled after malolactic fermentation in June, then racked back to barrel for further maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Generous cherry and raspberry fruit sparked with the distinctive spice of Pinot and subtle undertones of oak derived vanilla. The finely polished tannins and balanced acidity form a polished structure perfectly supporting lashings of sweet fruit. This wine is supple and smooth throughout the lengthy and focused finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 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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