

2009 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER :	John Durham
REGION :	Grown on the Rocky Horror and Wyjup vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS :	Chardonnay
MATURATION :	9 months in 25% new French oak
ANALYSIS :	13.5% alc/vol TA: 7.4 g/L pH: 3.3

VINTAGE :

A similar season to the 2008 vintage; though with marginally cooler conditions and lower yields. After a cool wet spring and early summer, a dry February and March followed allowing flavors to intensify. Mild sunny days were the norm during veraison and throughout the growing season, allowing the fruit to ripen slowly but steadily.

WINEMAKING :

All Chardonnay fruit was hand picked and whole bunch pressed with the aim of producing clean, clear juice and minimizing phenolic extraction. The juice was then fermented in barrel with indigenous yeast strains for additional complexity and palate texture. Malolactic fermentation is discouraged to retain the purity of fruit and vibrant acidity, while maturation in 25% new French oak for 9 months with regular lees stirring provides great palate texture.

TASTING NOTES :

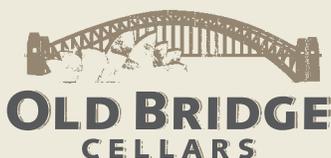
Lemon, quince and nectarine fruits integrate beautifully with winemaking derived aromas to impart a creamy, vanilla custard note with a dash of almond meal. A supple, lithe palate with a fine core of acid, loads of mouth filling texture adding dimension to the vibrant fruit notes. A harmonious wine with a clean finish and delicious lingering flavours.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts James Halliday, 90 pts International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator

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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