



PLANTAGENET
WINES
GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



2011 OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Predominantly from the Rocky Horror and Rosetta vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.0 g/L TA | 3.36 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A very dry spring affected early growth, a cold September caused staggered flowering, followed by some very warm December days and most unusually, many BBQ friendly-warm nights, particularly during the harvest months which brought ripening on quicker than expected and probably offset the issues of a late start to the season. Fruit was harvested over the first two weeks of March with sugar levels ranging between 22.7 and 23.4 brix. The vineyards yielded a modest average of just under three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The Chardonnay fruit was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks after the clean juice is drained/pressed from the skins and pulp and racked off gross lees. Once fermented the wines spends considerable time on its yeast lees with stirring to provide mouth feel and complexing flinty lees flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

A peachy nose, with a twist of lemon and just a hint of creamy yeastiness and minerality. A lovely rich smooth palate of mouth filling flavors with a crisp clean finish to bring the wine into focus. Exudes Chardonnay purity, with both fullness and finesse.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Australian Wine Companion, 89 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 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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