



2011 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Sourced from the 38-year-old Wyjup vineyard in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS: Riesling
ANALYSIS: 12.7% alc/vol | .38% RS | TA: 7.8 g/L | pH: 3.02

VINTAGE REPORT:

A very dry spring affected early growth, a cold September caused staggered flowering, followed by some very warm December days and nights, particularly during the harvest months which brought ripening on quicker than expected offsetting the issues of a late start to the season. Sunny, dry ripening weather through March ensured in the end, high quality, fully ripened fruit with higher than average acidities and generous flavors.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes are harvested cold at night with just the free run juice and first pressings kept for the Riesling. The crystal clear juice is racked off lees, inoculated with a neutral yeast strain, and cold fermented. Winemaking is kept simple, minimal, and gentle preserving the fruit and vineyard qualities as much as possible. The outcome is a vibrant fresh wine with clean lines and great length that will age for ten to twenty years to develop wonderful toasty, honeyed characters that complement the wine's natural fruit characters.

TASTING NOTES:

Bright golden straw with green hues. Vibrant and lifted nose with white flowers, vanilla bean, fresh lime and apple notes. Deliciously round and poised, slippery and sexy, like a mouthful of fresh vanilla panna cotta smothered in lime syrup. The natural sweetness is carried by a firm, direct line of acidity providing focus with a non-cloying, clean sorbet like finish and a lasting impression of citrus fruit flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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