



2011 HAZARD HILL SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Great Southern, Western Australia: Sauvignon Blanc - Pemberton, Semillon - Blackwood and Geographe regions
VARIETALS: 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Semillon
ANALYSIS: 13.5 alc/vol | 6.6 g/L TA | 3.32 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A cold, wet spring delayed budburst. Continued cool to mild weather slowed both shoot growth prolonged flowering in early summer resulting in some uneven ripening and a bit of disease pressure. However, the January and February temperatures were quite toasty and along with the dry conditions, hastened ripening considerably. Moderate yields, also helped. Despite the late warm conditions and ripening issues, the Semillons and Sauvignons all have excellent varietal definition and good natural acidity.

WINEMAKING:

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc is the quintessential Western Australian blend with a nod to Bordeaux. While the wine's quality is shaped by how the fruit ripens on the vine, the winemaking is simply about the preservation of flavors and locking in the freshness through gentle anaerobic handling, cool fermentation and a light filtration into bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

Semillon's lemon character is lifted and complemented by the grassy gooseberry notes of Sauvignon Blanc and the palate weight of Semillon is enhanced by the Sauvignon Blanc's tighter linear structure. The supple juicy mid palate has delicious racy lemon and grapefruit flavors with a mineral counterpoint. Lovely balance, harmonious and round but finishing with crisp clean finish and lovely long flavors. The punchy, grassy nature of the Pemberton fruit shines through this blend.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 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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