



**PLANTAGENET**  
WINES  
GREAT SOUTHERN  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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## 2013 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER:** Cath Oates  
**REGION:** Grown on the Crystal Brook and Wyjup vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region  
**VARIETALS:** Chardonnay (Gin Gin clone)  
**MATURATION:** 8 months in 100% French oak (20% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.9 g/L | pH: 3.3

### VINEYARDS:

Chardonnay is sourced primarily from Plantagenet's Wyjup and Bouverie vineyards, planted during the late 60's and early 70's as well as their Crystal Brook vineyard. All are planted with the Gin Gin clone which produces small berries and bunches of intense flavor and high natural acidity due to its low yielding nature. Planted on free draining gravel soils, vertically trained with shoot thinning to allow dappled sunlight filtration into the canopy for optimal ripening.

### WINEMAKING:

All of the hand picked fruit was pressed on a Champagne cycle in a small press and run straight to barrel, only 20% of them new. This in effect meant we had high quality, low phenolic juice, with some solids in the fermentation and each barrel was it's own unique wine. All fermentation was allowed to start naturally and when about halfway through was inoculated with a cultured yeast to ensure a smooth finish. Post fermentation the barrels were stirred regularly to build mid palate texture and weight. After eight months on lees the wine was blended and finished for bottling.

### TASTING NOTES:

An elegant Chardonnay which presents soft white stone fruit characters of white peach and nectarine over a ripe citrus core. A touch of smokey, savory oak combined a line of pure mineral acidity gives incredible freshness and length to the finish. This vintage in particular shows a capacity to age gracefully over time and will reward careful cellaring.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts - Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 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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