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2013 PLANTAGENET OMRAH PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Grown on the Rocky Horror, Bouverie & Hayview vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 5.7 g/L TA | 3.50 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

The 2013 growing season was unpredictable, with above average late winter rainfall, followed by a temperature spike mid-August, resulting in an early burst in vine growth. Mother Nature then flippantly about-faced and produced cool weather conditions throughout spring. The sun came out for the summer holidays and a period of 10 days in late January saw unprecedented heat accelerate white grape ripeness to fruition approximately three weeks before the norm.

WINEMAKING:

The 2013 Omrah Pinot Noir was fermented at warm temperatures in a mixture of open and closed fermenters. Plunging and pumping over was practiced daily for 10 days prior to gentle pressing. Each batch was kept separate and racked to French oak barrels, of which 20% were new. The blend was partially assembled after malolactic fermentation in June, then racked back to barrel for further maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Pretty floral notes of violets plus redcurrants and strawberries. An elegant, medium bodied wine with silky texture, fine acidity and juicy red fruit, brought together by finely polished & spicy tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Vinous, 88 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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