



## 2003 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Predominantly from the Wyjup and Bouvray vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in 40% new French oak

### VINTAGE REPORT:

The 2003 vintage in the Great Southern region of Western Australia was characterized by consistent, temperate to warm conditions and minimal rainfall. A long, ideal growing season such as this allows the fruit to ripen with great density of flavor and richness.

### WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY:

The dry, mild climate of the Great Southern region is well suited to the production of a spicy Shiraz of great depth of flavor and structure. Through careful viticulture and winemaking and moderate use of French oak, Plantagenet endeavor to produce a wine that will express its sense of place and deliver harmonious and compelling flavors.

### TASTING NOTES:

Deep brick red in color with purple hues. The nose delivers ripe blackberry fruits, savory dried herb nuances, and white pepper and forest floor notes alongside subtle toasty oak. Generously fruited, the palate has a strong backbone of aniseed and blackberry flavors with hints of pepper spice and firm and full textured tannins. Smoky toast and brambleberry characters linger on the beautifully balanced and persistent finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts James Halliday, 90 pts Robert Parker, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer

### 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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