



2004 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	John Durham
REGION :	Grown on the 37-year-old Wyjup vineyard in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION :	24 months in French oak
ALCOHOL :	14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE REPORT :

The 2004 vintage in the Great Southern region of Western Australia was characterized by consistent, mild temperatures with a notable absence of harsh or inclement weather, allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and consistently. The season began late and concluded later than usual, resulting in fruit of elegant structure, bright acidity and fresh, vibrant fruit characters.

WINEMAKING :

Fruit for the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon was hand harvested, crushed and fermented, with extended maceration carried out in potter fermenters for between 1 and 4 weeks. During this time the wine was pumped over twice daily to gain maximum colour and tannin extraction. Maturation for 24 months in months in French oak followed, with racking every 6 months.

TASTING NOTES :

Classic Cabernet aromas of blackberry, currant and ripe plums are evident with a hint of thyme and sage, alongside bottle-age derived notes of cigar box and vanilla. The elegant palate offers a silky texture with complex layering of ripe wild berries and cassis, beautifully balanced tannins and a persistent lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

90 pts James Halliday, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 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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