



2005 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
ALCOHOL:	14.6% alc/vol

VINTAGE REPORT:

The 2005 growing season enjoyed perfect ripening conditions of mild temperatures and relatively dry conditions till early April when the heavens opened up; thankfully most of the fruit was harvested. Yields were moderate and the season provided fruit with vibrant, varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY:

The dry, cool to 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:

The color is a dark plum, suggestive of a dense and concentrated wine. Aromas of blueberries and mulberries are vibrantly expressed on the nose. A dollop of vanilla with wafts of pepper, nutmeg cloaked with cedar lurk in the background. The palate is generous, with succulent plums and blueberries and lingering, mouth filling spice flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 vintage- 96 pts James Halliday, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer

2004 vintage- 95 pts James Halliday, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 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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