



2006 HAZARD HILL SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Predominantly Geographe, Blackwood and Great Southern regions of Western Australia's south west
VARIETALS: Shiraz
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.9g/L TA | 3.58 pH

VINTAGE:

2006 was the coolest vintage experienced on record since 1982, which saw restrained, zippy and lighter styles of wine produced than usual. Fruit was harvested much later than normal, however in the warmer regions of Western Australia this fruit was sufficiently ripe yet without excessively ripe flavours.

WINEMAKING:

The 2006 Hazard Hill Shiraz was fermented at warm temperatures in closed fermenters then pressed gently to ensure minimal extraction of harsh, bitter tannins. Each batch was matured separately in a combination of stainless steel tank and oak barrels prior to blending and bottling. Micro-oxidation was employed to some degree with the stainless steel-matured batches in order to harmonise the structure.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of red berries and plums lead with a dash of dusty vanilla. The fleshy palate shows blueberries, raspberries and ripe plums with edges of mixed herbs and zante currants. Silky tannins offer understated support the length of the palate, finishing crisp and clean with just enough structure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts/Top 100 Best Buys of 2010 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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