



2006 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN RIESLING

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Grown in the Great Southern region of Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
ANALYSIS: 12.3 alc/vol | 7.3 g/L TA | 1.4 g/L RS

VINTAGE REPORT:

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:

Plantagenet's winemaking philosophy in producing premium quality Riesling is based around cool processing temperatures and minimizing exposure to oxygen. These techniques preserve fruit character and avoid premature ageing. The grapes are harvested at night and run off skins almost immediately, leaving the majority of the free run juice clear of solids. The juice is then cold settled and racked prior to fermentation at temperatures of 12-15 degrees celcius. The resulting wine is extremely fresh and bright in its youth, yet will age gracefully for 10 - 20 years.

TASTING NOTES:

The color is pale straw with green hues. Intense aromas of lime, wet slate, lemon rind and a floral citrus blossom character dominate the nose, while the bracing palate offers citrus oils and green apple characters alongside mineral, chalky notes. The tight acidity contributes wonderful structure and lengthens the persistent fruit flavors.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

94 pts James Halliday, 90+ pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 pts Robert Parker

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,



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