



2007 OMRAH PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER :	John Durham
REGION :	Grown on the Rocky Horror and Bouvray vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS :	Pinot Noir
MATURATION :	12 months in 20% new French oak
ANALYSIS :	14.0% alc/vol 6.5g/L TA 3.60 pH

VINTAGE :

2007 was a dry year characterized by moderate vine growth and yield. A welcome mild spring led into quite a warm early summer but by early March hot conditions prevailed till cooling rains helped what fruit was still left to harvest from mid March. This was to be one of the hottest and consequentially shortest vintages on record.

WINEMAKING :

The 2007 Omrah Pinot Noir was fermented at warm temperatures in a mixture of open and closed fermenters. Plunging and pumping over was practiced daily for 10 days prior to gentle pressing. Each batch was kept separate and racked to French oak barrels, of which 20% were new. The blend was partially assembled after malolactic fermentation in June, then racked back to barrel for further maturation prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

Deep, vibrant crimson in color. The nose offers distinctive Pinot Noir spice and vibrant cherry and raspberry fruits with subtle vanillin undertones derived from oak maturation. Supple and smooth, the palate displays lashings of sweet fruit, finely polished tannins and balanced acidity that provides a finely poised backbone, great length and impressive focus.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 88 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Wine Enthusiast, 87 pts Wine & Spirits Magazine

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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