



2008 OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: John Durham
REGION: Predominantly from the Rocky Horror and Rosette vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region.
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.8g/L TA | 3.29 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

It was a promising start to the season with useful rains and mild conditions from spring to early summer which allowed good vine growth. Apart from a handful of very hot days, mild to warm days were the norm during veraison though there were a few typically chilly days scattered throughout the growing season. The fruit ripened steadily but surely under the ideal conditions, resulting in flavorsome, lively wines, with well defined varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING:

The 2008 Omrah Chardonnay was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks after the clean juice is drained/pressed from the skins and pulp and racked off gross lees. Once fermented the wines spends considerable time on its yeast lees with stirring to provide mouth feel and complexing flinty lees flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of fragrant lime and lemon peel, a hint of cantaloupe and an undertone chalky, stony note greeting the nose. The palate is succulent, supple and juicy with those citrus flavors driving through the core and finishing with a lick of fresh acid and savory minerality.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2008 vintage: Not yet rated 2007 vintage: 90 pts James Halliday, 88 pts Robert Parker, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer, 88 pts Wine Spectator, 88 pts Wine & Spirits

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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