



2008 PLANTAGENET GREAT SOUTHERN RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	John Durham
REGION:	Predominantly from the 37-year-old Wyjup vineyard in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS:	Riesling
ANALYSIS:	11.7 alc/vol 7.3 g/L TA 1.1 g/L RS 3.05 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

Useful rains and mild conditions from spring to early summer during the lead up to the 2008 vintage allowed for healthy vine growth, while a dry February and March ensured flavors intensified in a relatively disease-free environment. Ideal mild to warm days were the norm during veraison giving the fruit an opportunity to ripen steadily but surely.

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. Showing great delicacy and restraint, this wine offers quiet floral notes with background slate and lemon rind nuances. A fine yet supple palate that is tightly constructed with lovely natural acidity cutting a clean line the length of the palate. Long, lingering citrus flavours present now will evolve into toasty lemon butter with up to 12 years in in the bottle. A classic showing the benefits of a great vintage.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 88 pts Wine Spectator Online

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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