



PLANTAGENET WINES

GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



PLANTAGENET 2013 RIESLING GREAT SOUTHERN

Tasting Notes

This is a great Riesling vintage with quite powerful wines displaying an incredible concentration and typicity of fruit. Intense, lifted aromas of ripe limes lead to a palate that is very focused and pure, with spicy citrus flavours and a long, pure mineral finish. A well managed dry extract adds a textural dimension to the wine adding to its depth and complexity.

Winemaker Notes

VINEYARDS:

This blend is predominantly made up of fruit from our Wyjup vineyard, along with parcels from two local properties; Hayview and Dave Richards' vineyard. The Wyjup vineyard is the jewel in our Riesling crown, producing premium fruit from 43 year old vines with low yields. Each of the three vineyards produces varying expressions of Mount Barker Riesling though the characteristic lime, minerality and finesse is a common theme throughout. All vineyards share similar management methods of vertical shoot positioning, shoot removal and moderate crop exposure.

VINTAGE COMMENTS:

The 2013 growing season was unpredictable with dramatic extremes in weather conditions and unseasonal responses in vine phenology. The season began with above average late winter rainfall, followed by a temperature spike mid-August, resulting in an early burst in vine growth. Mother Nature then flippantly about-faced and produced cool weather conditions, with equally uncomplimentary high rain fall, 25% above average for the three months of spring. In yet another dramatic change the sun came out for the summer holidays and a period of 10 days in late January saw unprecedented heat accelerate white grape ripeness to fruition approximately 3 weeks before the norm. Riesling was all harvested over three days from the 2nd to the 4th of March; the earliest and narrowest harvest window in memory. The intensity of the flavours was incredible and this will be a particularly strong Riesling vintage with the wines being richer than usual in style.

WINEMAKING:

We saw a range of flavours across the blocks this year with pure lime from the south block of Wyjup, chalky minerality from the south to spicy ripe tropical qualities from the Dave Richard's block. The grapes are harvested during the cooler temperatures at night with just the free run juice and first pressings kept for our Riesling. The crystal clear juice is racked off lees, inoculated with a neutral yeast strain that can handle cold temperatures (10-14C), then once fermented the wine is gently cleaned up for an early bottling. Winemaking is kept simple and minimal, with gentle handling ensuring preservation of fruit and vineyard qualities as much as possible. The desired outcome is to produce a vibrant, fresh wine with clean lines and great length that will age for 10 - 20 years developing wonderful toasty, honeyed characters that compliment the natural fruit characters.

Technical Details:

Alc/Vol:	12.3%
Acidity:	8.1 g/L
pH:	3.14