



PLANTAGENET WINES

GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



PLANTAGENET 2012 SHIRAZ MOUNT BARKER

Tasting Notes

Our 2012 Shiraz has ripe black cherry and plum flavours with underlying spice and peppery notes. In excellent vintages a note of violets is seen, as is evident in this wine. The velvety, textural palate has a layered complexity and fine silky tannins supporting the dense, dark fruit that lingers on the palate. A elegant wine that represents a classic Great Southern Shiraz and a long life ahead.

Winemaker Notes

VINEYARDS:

Fruit is sourced from our old Wyjup and Bouverie vineyards which have an average vine age of over 40 years. All the vineyards grow on free draining gravel loams around the Mt Barker area in the Great Southern region of Western Australia. The natural balance of these old vines gives wines of great finesse and elegance.

VINTAGE COMMENTS:

A generally warm and dry February and March allowed fruit to ripen steadily and good flavours to develop. A hot spell at the beginning of March brought the reds forward and a warm dry autumn allowed them to finish off slowly, retaining intense aromas and flavours.

The Wyjup Shiraz was harvested on two dates, the 9th and 13th of April, with the Bouverie on the 2nd and 7th, with Brix between 23.0 and 24.0 brix with acids around 7.0 g/L and bright flavours. Low yields in 2012 on our old blocks have given great concentration of fruit.

WINEMAKING:

The dry, cool to mild climate of the Great Southern region is well suited to the production of a spicy Shiraz style of wine with great depth of flavour and structure. We endeavour through meticulous viticulture and wine production to produce a wine that will express its sense of place and coupled with selected tight grain French oak that supports rather than dominate the fruit. Our winemaking philosophy is simply to produce a wine that is in harmony with its elements; gaining complexity with time but first and foremost be imminently drinkable.

Technical Details:

Alc/Vol: 14.5%
Acidity: 5.5 g/L
pH: 3.70