

PLANTAGENET

'LANCASTER' SHIRAZ 2021



The Plantagenet wines are named in honour of a family, branch or region from the Plantagenet Royal House, which ruled England and France from the 12th to 15th centuries.

BLEND

60% Shiraz from our Wyjup Vineyard, 40% Bouverie Vineyard.

COLOUR

Deep Purple.

AROMATICS

Blue fruits, mocha and warm exotic spice.

PALATE

This wine is dark, brooding and intense with well-integrated, dusty tannins. The palate is powerful and structured, with a warmer Great Southern vintage lending dark cherry, black fruits and clove. It will develop impressively over time.

CELLAR POTENTIAL

10 - 15 years

FOOD PAIRING

Spicy Moroccan Lamb Shanks.

VINTAGE 2021

The 2021 Great Southern vintage was characterised by a warmer than average March that aided ripening conditions for all key varieties, but particularly Shiraz and Cabernet. Rain in February provided critical soil moisture that allowed canopies to remain healthy and green and the normal cool nights in March allowed optimum acidity to be retained in the aromatic white varieties. Late rains in April courtesy of the remnants of cyclone Seroja delayed the harvest of some of the premium Ultra Cabernet Sauvignon blocks at Wyjup Vineyard however the fine weather returned, and the fruit was allowed to hang longer and to further develop flavour and concentration on the vine.

WINEMAKING

Machine harvested fruit was destemmed, chilled, and transferred to a mix of open and closed fermenters for cold soaking. They must be allowed to warm naturally before being inoculated with a cultured yeast strain and fermented on skins with pump-overs twice daily. Pressed to tank and racked to French barriques (30% new) for malolactic fermentation and maturation for 17 months before blending, filtration and bottling.

WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication | Great Southern

pH | 3.68 Titratable Acidity | 5.8 g/L

Alcohol | 14.9%

