



MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Ridge in the Hunter Valley, NSW. The estate was established in 1921 by the legendary winemaker Maurice O'Shea who recognised the special characteristics and longevity of Hunter Valley table wines. To this day, Mount Pleasant continues to bottle-age commercial quantities of wines until they are considered at their peak to release.

Vineyard Region Lovedale Vineyard, Hunter Valley, NSW.

Vineyard Conditions Continuous rain periods in the lead up to vintage and unseasonably cool temperatures in Spring/Summer produced an even flowering and fruit set. These mild conditions continued into harvest period with intermittent rainfall delaying and extending vintage, resulting in white grape varieties with great depth of flavour and excellent acidity.

Grape Variety 100 per cent Semillon.

Vinification & Maturation All grapes for this wine were handpicked. Upon receiving them at the winery, the grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, must chilled and the juice allowed to drain off. After 48 hours of settling, the clear juice was racked off, warmed up and inoculated with a neutral yeast. The ferment was slow and cold to retain fruit flavour. One month after fermentation the wines were blended, stabilized and sterile filtered prior to bottling.



Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

Colour Mid straw.

Aroma The aroma is dominated by zesty, citrus notes of lemon and lime. The primary fruit aromas are complemented by the beginning of toasty development and hints of honey.

Palate The well structured palate, built around a clean vanilla core, has all the hallmarks of a great Hunter Semillon. Fresh citrus flavours, long persistent palate and refreshing acidity.

Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Enjoy this glorious aged Hunter Semillon with fresh seafood.

Wine Analysis Alc/Vol: 11.5% pH: 2.92 TA: 6.65

Last Tasted September 2004

Peak Drinking Enjoy now or cellar up to 2016.

SHOW AWARDS Show



Cowra 2004, Class 29.

PHIL RYAN

Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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