



MOUNT PLEASANT

2001 ROSEHILL SHIRAZ

Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Range 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 Hunter Valley, NSW.

Vineyard Conditions The Autumn and Winter months prior to budburst experienced below average rainfall conditions which continued into early Spring. The weather remained cool and mild reducing evaporative loss and producing excellent flowering and fruit set. Unfortunately, what was an excellent crop was reduced somewhat by an extraordinary heat wave from Christmas to late January with record temperatures. These conditions were followed into harvest by rain periods, but the suitability of Shiraz to the Hunter was again evidenced with the final wine rich in earthy, regional characters.



Grape Variety 100 per cent Shiraz.

Vinification & Maturation This single vineyard wine was fermented for eight days on skins with twice daily pumping over. The wine was pressed before fermenting to dryness and transferred to oak for completion of fermentation on lees. After completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was barrel matured in predominantly American oak (80 per cent new) at 15°C for 18 months. Regular racking and returning was undertaken to aid in flavour development.

Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

Colour Medium red with terracotta hues.

Aroma Rich in plummy fruit with hints of leather and spice.

Palate A savoury palate dominated by red berry fruit and mocha oak flavours. Earthy characters and leather-like complexities are present, and typical of the vintage.

Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Roasted Rack of Lamb, zucchini soufflé and Shiraz jus; Grilled Wild Barramundi, Fondant potatoes & "Beurre Rouge" sauce

Wine Analysis Alc/Vol: 14.0% pH: 3.49 TA: 6.6 g/L

Last Tasted August 2006

Peak Drinking Drinking well now or can be cellared carefully until 2009.

PHIL RYAN
Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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