



# MOUNT PLEASANT

## ELIZABETH SEMILLON 2003

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

**Vintage Conditions** The growing season prior to the 2003 vintage was dominated by the worst drought on record since 1902. Spring rainfall was virtually negligible with the only useful rainfall period recorded in December. This resulted in excellent ripening conditions producing white wines rich in fruit flavour but maintaining an attractive balanced acidity.

**Grape Variety** 100 per cent Semillon

### Vinification & Maturation

The hand picked fruit was crushed and de-stemmed before the must was chilled and the juice drained off. After cold settling for 48 hours, the clear juice was racked, warmed, inoculated with a neutral yeast and allowed to ferment slowly at a cool temperature (14°C) for a period of 28 days. One month following fermentation, the wine was blended, filtered, stabilised and bottled. Handling of this wine has been kept to a minimum to protect its fresh fruit flavours.



### Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

**Colour** Pale yellow with pronounced fluorescent green hues.

**Aroma** The wine exhibits qualities typical of quality Semillon from a warm vintage: pronounced green apple and lime zest, with developing secondary characters of toast and crushed herbs.

**Palate** The palate is soft, round and generous with lime and lemon flavours dominating. The back palate reveals the beginnings of Hunter Semillon aged characters of toast and lanolin. The complex and refined palate is well complemented by the fresh, clean finish.

**Wine Analysis** Alc/Vol: 11.5%      pH: 3.13      TA: 6.35g/L

**Last Tasted** July 2007

**Peak Drinking** Drinking beautifully now, however will support careful cellaring until 2012.

**Show Awards** Gold Medal, 2007 National Wine Show, Class 45



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