



MOUNT PLEASANT

OLD PADDOCK & OLD HILL SHIRAZ 2002

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 2002 vintage in the Hunter Valley was characterised by below average rainfall during Autumn and Winter, followed by relieving rains during November which assisted in an even budburst and fruit set. The hot and windy conditions in December, that were responsible for the severe bush fires in the Hunter and Sydney basin, were alleviated by mild rainfall prior to harvest.

Grape Variety 100 per cent Shiraz

Vinification & Maturation Post harvest, the wine was fermented for a period of eight days on skins with twice daily pumping over, to increase the colour and flavour intensity of the wine. This wine was pressed before fermenting to dryness and transferred to oak to complete alcohol and malolactic fermentation on gross lees. Following fermentation the wine was transferred to new French oak barrels for maturation at a monitored 15 °C for 18 months prior to bottling.



Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

Colour Dense crimson red.
Aroma Spice, cedar and cloves with an earthy complexity and regional characters of soy and pepper.
Palate Soft plummy fruit flavours with hints of raspberry combined with spice and cedary oak. These flavours are complemented by nuances of cloves and tobacco, a long spicy finish, chocolaty tannins and warming alcohol.

Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Traditional Venison and Juniper Pie; Chargrilled Sirloin steak, Rosemary & Garlic Butter

Wine Analysis Alc/Vol: 14.5% pH: 3.43 TA: 6.80g/L
Last Tasted April, 2005
Peak Drinking Drinking superbly now or can be cellared carefully for the next four years.
Show Awards Gold Medal, Hunter Valley 2004 Class 39



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