



# MOUNT PLEASANT

*Classic*

## 2007 Verdelho

Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Range in the Hunter Valley, NSW. The estate was established in 1921 by 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** Drought and mild weather conditions combined to see one of the earliest starts to the Hunter Valley wine vintage, with Mount Pleasant harvesting its first grapes of the 2007 vintage in mid-January. The growing season was unseasonably dry and cool, compared to the previous vintage, with the drought reducing crop size. Southerly breezes and cooler day and night temperatures allowed the vines to retain good leaf cover, and the fruit time to ripen and develop. Verdelho was harvested on January 15 in perfect condition, with the resulting wines showing intense varietal characters and flavours.

**Grape Variety** Verdelho

**Vinification & Maturation** Fruit for the 2007 Verdelho was harvested at optimum ripeness, crushed, de-stemmed, must chilled and de-juiced. The juice was allowed to cold settle for 36 hours and subsequently racked off, upon which an aromatic yeast was introduced for fermentation. The ferment was halted early to aid in preserving the natural grape sugars and to add body and enhanced fruit character to the finished wine.



### Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

**Colour** Very pale straw with greenish hints.

**Aroma** Abundant, ripe tropical fruits; guava, lychee, pineapple and hints of banana.

**Palate** A generous fruit palate rich with pineapple, mango and banana fruit characters and a fresh lime finish.

### Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Thai flavoured Scallops on Jasmine Rice; Chicken, Pineapple & Lentil Salad

**Wine Analysis** **Alc/Vol:** 14.0%     **pH:** 3.19     **TA:** 6.75 g/L

**Last Tasted** April 2007

**Peak Drinking** Drinking beautifully now

PHIL RYAN

Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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