



MOUNT PLEASANT

Classic

2005 Verdelho

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 Hunter Valley, NSW.

Vintage Conditions The growing season leading up to the 2005 vintage was excellent, characterised by cool to mild growing conditions and even rainfall. Mild weather with good rainfall in October led to fine flowering and even fruit set. December was unusual for the Hunter Valley, cool days and cooler nights providing ideal conditions for veraison and allowing the development of cooler climate fruit characters. Consistent January temperatures afforded excellent conditions for ripening. The 2005 vintage was one of the most rapid on record, with almost all varieties ripening simultaneously, a result of the differing temperatures and tremendous growing conditions.

Grape Variety 100% Verdelho.

Vinification & Maturation Fruit for the 2005 Verdelho was 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. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine was re-racked and stabilised.

Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

Colour Pale straw.

Aroma Tropical fruits including pineapple and guava.

Palate Soft, fruity and refreshing, the wine features guava and mixed tropical fruit flavours. The palate is medium weight with melon like characters and has a refreshing, sweet finish.

Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Grilled Snapper fillets, chunky potato wedges, Lime & Lemon Beurre Blanc;
Thai Green Chicken Curry

Wine Analysis Alc/Vol: 13.5% pH: 3.12 TA: 6.35

Last Tasted September 2005

Peak Drinking Peak drinking over the next 12 months



PHIL RYAN
Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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