



MOUNT PLEASANT

2002 PHILIP SHIRAZ

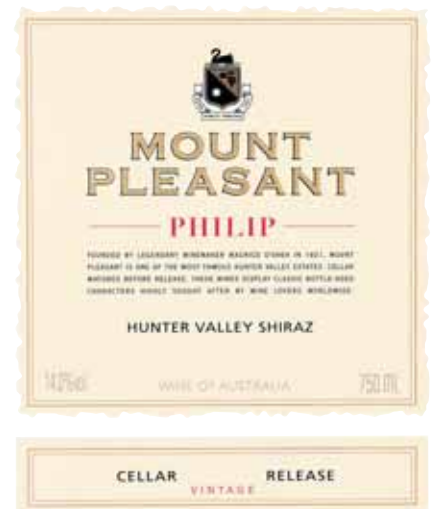
Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Ridge in the Hunter Valley, NSW. The estate was established in 1921 by the legendary winemaker Maurice O'Shea who recognised the special characteristics and longevity of Hunter Valley table wines. To this day, Mount Pleasant continues to bottle-age commercial quantities of wines until they are considered at their peak to release.

Vineyard Region Hunter Valley, NSW

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 Harvested grapes were crushed and cold soaked for 24 hours. The must was inoculated with a selected yeast and the ferment drained and returned twice daily. Mid way through fermentation the cap was headed down to ensure maximum extraction of flavour and colour. The wine was pressed just before completion of fermentation so that primary fermentation could finish in barrel. Both French and American oak were used during the maturation process to ensure complexity.



Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

Colour Medium crimson red with terracotta hints.

Aroma Spicy red berry fruit with nuances of pepper and spice are complemented by oak derived mocha coffee characters.

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 and rich chocolaty tannins.

Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Red meat dishes, such as char-grilled fillet of beef with mixed potato pave and porcini mushroom reduced jus.

Wine Analysis Alc/Vol: 14.0% pH: 3.42 TA: 6.45

Last Tasted April 2005

Peak Drinking Drinking superbly now or can be cellared carefully until 2008.

PHIL RYAN
Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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