



# MOUNT PLEASANT

## ELIZABETH SEMILLON 2002

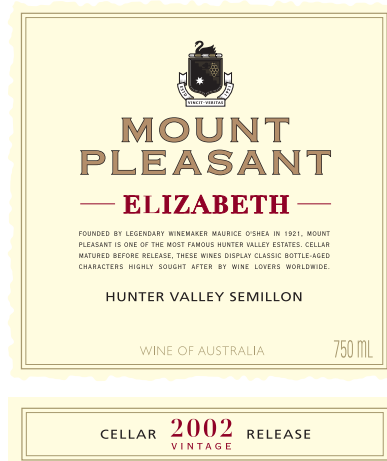
Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Range in the Hunter Valley, NSW. The estate was established in 1921 by the legendary winemaker Maurice O'Shea who recognised the special characteristics and longevity of Hunter Valley table wines. To this day, Mount Pleasant continues to bottle-age 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 Semillon

**Vinification & Maturation** After crushing and de-stemming, 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 delicate, pure fruit flavours.



### Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

**Colour** Pale straw with green hues.  
**Aroma** Citrus aromas of lemon and lime with straw characters and hints of honey.  
**Palate** A lively palate with lime and green apple citrus flavours and a persistent finish.

### Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

Chinese Lemon Chicken, steamed rice and Bok Choy; Veal "Saltimbocca"

**Wine Analysis** Alc/Vol: 10.5%

**Last Tasted** October 2006

**Peak Drinking** Drinking superbly now, however will support careful cellaring for the next ten-to-fifteen years.

**Show Awards**  Top Gold Medal, Hobart Wine Show 2007, Class 25

 Blue Gold Medal, Sydney International Wine Show 2006, Cat 3

PHIL RYAN  
Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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