



# MOUNT PLEASANT

## LOVEDALE SEMILLON 2000

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** Early spring rains resulted in a good even budburst. The growing season was cool to mild ensuring the development of lovely, refined fruit flavours. The warm, dry harvest allowed sound, ripe fruit of the highest quality and positioned the 2000 vintage as one of the best vintages the region has ever seen.

**Grape Variety** 100 per cent Semillon

**Vinification & Maturation** All grapes for this wine were handpicked. Upon receipt at the winery, fruit was de-stemmed, crushed, must chilled and the juice allowed to drain off. After settling, the clear juice was racked off, warmed up and inoculated with neutral yeast. The ferment was slow and cold to retain flavour. One month after fermentation the wine was prepared for bottling.



### Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

**Colour** Pale straw.

**Aroma** Honeyed straw and hay aromas balanced by primary lemon and grapefruit aromas.

**Palate** Rich and mouthfilling, this Semillon combines lime zest flavours, with emerging developed characters of honey and cut hay. These intense flavours are supported by a fine backbone of mineral acid, forming a long, persistent and refreshing finish.

### Chef Peter Howard's Serving Suggestions

This wine is ideally suited to firm white meats like salmon steaks or wild barramundi fillets with crisp salads or vegetables.

**Wine Analysis** Alc/Vol: 11.5%

**Last Tasted** August 2006

**Peak Drinking** Up to 12 years from vintage.

### SHOW AWARDS



Sydney International Wine Show 2006, Trophy – Best Wine of Competition

Sydney International Wine Show 2006, Trophy – Best White Table Wine

Sydney International Wine Show 2006, Trophy – Best Lighter Bodied Dry White Table Wine



Blue-Gold 2006 Sydney International Wine Show

Top Gold 2004 National Wine Show C44; Gold 2004 Cowra Wine Show C29

Gold 2006 Melbourne Wine Show Class 66.

PHIL RYAN

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