



# MOUNT PLEASANT

## 2000 PHILIP SHIRAZ

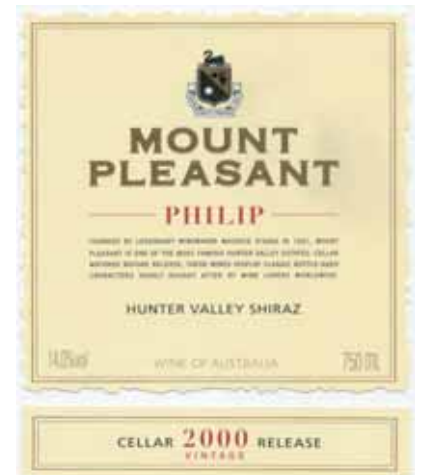
Mount Pleasant is situated on the slopes of the Brokenback Ridge in the Hunter Valley, NSW. The estate was established in 1921 by the legendary winemaker Maurice O'Shea who recognised the special characteristics and longevity of Hunter Valley table wines. To this day, Mount Pleasant continues to bottle-age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

**Vineyard Region** Hunter Valley, NSW

**Vineyard Conditions** Early Spring rains promoted an even budburst, and a cool to mild growing season ensured gradual residual sugar accumulation that resulted in the development of 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 red wine vintages the region had ever seen.

**Grape Variety** Shiraz

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



### Winemaker Phil Ryan's Comments:

**Colour** Medium crimson red with ruby hints.  
**Aroma** Black cherries, plums and sweet vanillin oak influences with hints of pepper and spice.  
**Palate** Supple plum and blackberry fruit supported by chocolaty oak. The palate is supported by velvety tannins and a soft, yet persistent finish.

### 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%      pH: 3.42      TA: 6.65  
**Last Tasted** December 2004  
**Peak Drinking** Enjoy over the next five years.

**PHIL RYAN**  
Mount Pleasant Chief Winemaker

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