

PHIL RYAN

SIGNATURE SERIES

Semillon 2007

Vineyard Region: Hunter Valley, NSW

Vintage Conditions: The 2007 vintage was a success with significant rain and mild temperatures at critical times of the growing cycle. The mild temperatures in December contributed to the overall quality of the vineyard as the vines held excellent canopy structures during ripening periods. This led to a full, rich flavour profile, balanced sugar and acid ratio as all varietals ripening to their full potential. The Semillon was harvested in perfect conditions, with ferments showing intense varietal characters and flavours.

Grape Varietal: 100 per cent Semillon

Vinification & Maturation: The Semillon fruit for the Phil Ryan Semillon was carefully handpicked from selected parcels of 12 year old vines. At the winery, it was de-stemmed, gently crushed and chilled before the juice was drained quickly from the skins. After natural cold settling, the clear juice was racked off, warmed and inoculated with natural followed by the introduction of a neutral yeast for fermentation. The fermentation process was slow and cold resulting in exceptional fruit flavours and varietal character. Three weeks after fermentation the wine was prepared for bottling.

Winemaker Phil Ryan's Notes:

Colour: Light straw in colour with a green hue.

Aroma: Varietal aromas of intense lemon and lime with delightful fruit presence and an underlying hint of passionfruit and lime blossom.

Palate: A bright and vibrant wine with intense citrus fruit layers, finishing with a fresh crisp lemon flavour and persistent length.

Chef Peter Howard's Food Suggestions:

Freshly shucked Oysters with Lime and Chervil Sauce; Pork Schnitzel, Lemon Aioli and Sweet Potato Mash.

Wine Analysis: Alc/Vol: 11.0% pH: 2.95 TA: 6.25 g/L

Peak Drinking: Drinking beautifully now or cellar carefully 15 years from vintage.

Last Tasted: February 2007

Show Results:

- Trophy, Best Current Vintage Semillon, Hunter Valley Wine Show 2007
- Trophy, Best Current Vintage Dry White Wine, Hunter Valley Wine Show 2007
- Top Gold Medal, Hunter Valley Wine Show 2007, Class 4



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