



Rosemount Estate



Show Reserve Hunter Valley Chardonnay 2005

Our Show Reserve Chardonnay represents a pinnacle in regional and varietal winemaking, each year reflecting the true character of the Hunter Valley as a premium wine-growing region.

The wines are selected after each vintage, from the very best barrels as they mature in our winery cellar and are carefully blended together to achieve the optimum balance of varietal and regional expression.

The fruit for the 2005 vintage was sourced primarily from premium blocks on Roxburgh and Giants Creek vineyards. Roxburgh adds an underlying richness and complexity that gives the wine its unique, finely-textured character while Giants Creek fruit imparts a lively, elegant style.

Regional Source

Primarily Roxburgh and Giants Creek Vineyards, and selected Upper Hunter Valley vineyards.

Vintage Conditions

Spring rains served to replenish the low soil moisture after a very dry winter. Temperatures were mild and steady from spring through summer, with cool nights and sufficient rainfall to irrigate the vines. Yields were above average and Chardonnay produced excellent crops with intense varietal aromas and flavours balanced by crisp acidity. A great year, reminiscent of the stunning 2000 vintage.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

This wine was matured for nine months in a mixture of new, one and two year old French and American oak barriques.

Winemaker Comments: Matt Koch



Colour

Bright deep straw in colour with green hues.



Nose

Aromas of pear, stone fruit and melon characterise the rich and intense nose. Savoury, lightly chappy notes add spice to the funky, yeasty aromas.



Palate

A rich and full flavoured wine with the pear and tropical fruit aromas following from the nose onto a slightly spiced, toasty palate. Creamy and silky in texture, the palate has a long, elegant finish. This wine will repay careful cellaring.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

Last Tasted

29 May 2006

Peak Drinking

Now - 2016

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Chicken,
Seafood, Veal

