



Rosemount

Orange Vineyard Chardonnay 2002

The Orange district is located in the central highlands, 280 kilometres west of Sydney. The selected vineyards were first planted in the 1980's. A high elevation range of 800 to 900 metres produces an ideal cool climate for Chardonnay grape growing. These vineyards are located on rocky volcanic soils and the rainfall is such that only minor irrigation is necessary in dry years.

Vineyard Region

Orange

Vintage Conditions

Cool temperatures throughout spring and summer led to the risk of uneven fruit set and bunch weight. Diligent canopy management and crop thinning was required to ensure full ripeness. Whilst yields were reduced, a quality crop was harvested with an excellent balance of ripe flavours and natural acidity. The fruit was a standout, being very aromatic, with a spicy scent and a ripe depth of flavour.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

The fruit was pressed gently and rapidly to extract maximum flavour and minimum phenolics, then transferred to new French oak for primary and malolactic fermentation. The wine was stirred in barrels to increase complexity and left on lees for 10 months.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Koerner



Colour

Pale straw with distinct green hues.



Nose

Displays delicate, integrated aromas of fruit and oak. White peach and nectarine aromas and a fine mineral edge provide clear varietal definition while cream and savoury characters of oak and lees maturation support the fruit aromas and add complexity.



Palate

The palate showcases the delicate but intense characters of cool climate wines. Initial citrus flavours precede an elegant mid palate of stone fruit followed by a long, crisp refined finish. Carefully judged vineyard selection has provided a solid fruit foundation which allows creamy complexity and cashew-like oak characters to support and not dominate this wine.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

Last Tasted

5 Dec 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Chicken,
Pasta, Seafood

