



Rosemount

Mountain Blue Shiraz Cabernet 1999

Mountain Blue is the jewel in the crown of Rosemount's newly developed vineyard estate in Mudgee, on the western slopes of the Blue Mountains in New South Wales. Here, the dry autumns and cool mountain nights allow red grapes of the highest quality to ripen to perfection.

Mountain Blue is an exceptional premium blend of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon reflecting the regional attributes of the Mudgee terroir. Its densely textured blackberry fruit and impressive tannin richness has made it one of the most awarded wines to hit the Australian and international wine scene in recent years.

Regional Source

Mountain Blue Vineyard, Mudgee, New South Wales

Vintage Conditions

An even budburst rolled out through September with even flowering and fruit set. The region then endured high rainfall demanding strong viticultural management to bring the red grapes to full ripeness. The grapes were harvested a few days earlier than usual to avoid the risks of further inclement weather, resulting in more elegant wines yet with great depth of flavour.

Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah), Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

The Shiraz was left to macerate for 5 days after fermentation to extract softer tannins. Both wines were then racked into new American (70%) and French (30%) oak for 26 months resulting in full integration of oak and fruit and softening of tannins.

Top Awards

Trophy & Gold 2001 Mudgee Wine Show
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Winemaker Comments: Philip Shaw



Colour

Plum red with a youthful purple/pink rim and possessing excellent clarity and depth of colour.



Nose

Stylish, with lifted spice and tobacco over blackberry and cassis aromas framed by the toasted cedar of fine grained oak.



Palate

An elegant wine with slightly lighter palate weight than usual - reflecting the vintage conditions, however with excellent purity of fruit and balance. A palate of dark cherry, mint and hints of spice with fine grained tannins and subtle oak.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

Last Tasted

9 Nov 2001

Peak Drinking

Now - 2012

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Beef, Lamb

