



Rosemount



Orange Vineyard Chardonnay 2001

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

Regular rainfall throughout winter and spring provided ideal growing conditions and ensured even flowering and fruit set. Careful vineyard management was required to control yields and canopy thinning employed to maximise sunlight exposure to the grape bunches. Hot summer temperatures ripened the grapes without unduly stressing the vines and a high quality Chardonnay crop was harvested.

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 and excellent clarity.



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 a rich mid palate of cream and ripe melon and 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

22 May 2002

Peak Drinking

Now - 2011

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Seafood,
Chicken

