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Mountain Blue Shiraz Cabernet 2000

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

The traditionally sunny weather of late summer and autumn held until mid March when substantial rains set in, marking the remainder of the vintage. Rosemount's experience in dealing with vintage rains became an invaluable resource, as our viticultural teams worked overtime to pull in the near ripe Shiraz and then wait as a break in the rains allowed the Cabernet to reach acceptable ripeness.

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 (50%) and French (50%) oak for 24 months resulting in full integration of oak and fruit and softening of tannins.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Koerner



Colour

2000 Mountain Blue shows a deep, rich plum colour.



Nose

The cassis and brambly fruit of Cabernet Sauvignon enriches the aroma and marries well with the mint and ginger spice characters of Shiraz and the toasty oak underlay.



Palate

On the palate, the intense fruit and firm tannin backbone reaffirms the wine's excellent depth and sustained richness. Blackberry and spicy plum flavours dominate the palate, complementing the dryness of tannins. The wine's full-bodied richness make it the ideal match for red meat and game dishes.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

Last Tasted

26 Sep 2002

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Beef, Lamb

