



CHAMBERS ROSEWOOD NV RARE MUSCAT

WINEMAKER: Stephen Chambers
REGION: Rutherglen, Victoria
VARIETALS: Muscat a Petit Grains
MATURATION: Older oak casks based on solera aging system
ANALYSIS: 17.1% alc/vol | TA: 7.4 g/L | pH: 3.65

HISTORY:

For the past 40 years winemaking responsibility at Chambers has rested with Bill Chambers, Chairman of Judges at the Melbourne Wine Show since 1980 and one of Australia's most respected wine personalities. Bill has recently entrusted son, Stephen, with the care of the 'old material' – dark, unctuous fortified wine that has matured quietly in the Chambers' family cellars for more than a century.

WINEMAKING:

In the warm fall climate the grapes ripen and shrivel on the vines producing natural sugar levels in the range of 30-36 degrees Brix. The raisined grapes are then picked, crushed and partially fermented then fortified prior to a wood aging program loosely resembling a solera system. The "Rare" designation is reserved for material dating over 100 years. Wines clearly not from this century, they display an olive rim, an extremely complex bouquet with nutty, rancio characters and an unctuous, treacly palate of astounding balance and persistence.

TASTING NOTES:

Produced from Muscat a Petit Grains, or Brown Muscat as it is more commonly known, the Rare Muscat offers a complex nose of dried raisins, candied fruit skins, ground coffee and complex rancio characters. The intense, syrupy palate explodes with molasses, dried fruit and walnuts, with drying tannins and brisk acidity to carry the amazingly intense finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

100 pts Wine Enthusiast, 99 pts The Wine Advocate, 98 pts Wine Spectator, 96 pts - Top 100 Wines of the Year/Top 100 Wineries Wine & Spirits, 95 pts Vinous

ABOUT CHAMBERS ROSEWOOD:

Since establishment in 1858 in Victoria's famed Rutherglen region, winemaking duties at Chambers Rosewood have been handed down from father to son through six generations. Recognized the world over for their complexity, intensity and balance, these Muscats and Muscadelles are a national relic; wines expertly crafted from unctuous material that has matured in the family cellars for more than a century.



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