

Chambers Rosewood, Old Vine Rutherglen Muscat NV

Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Muscat à Petits Grains Rouge
Winemaker	Stephen Chambers
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	19%
Residual Sugar	269.5g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.57
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

The 6th generation of the Chambers family to make wine in the Rosewood winery, Stephen, took over the winemaking in 2001. This venerable winery, started in 1858 by William Chambers, is one of the most fabled in Rutherglen. This charming, northeastern Victorian town, the sort of place that time forgot, still speaks of the gold rush that led to the town's foundation, and the development of the wine industry, in the 1850s. Winemaking has been subtly changed in recent years in order to make fresher and drier style of wines.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are located on the fringes of the Rutherglen Township, slightly to the North West, where Chambers produce drier style Muscats which express rose petal characters. The vines are hand pruned to a rod and spur system which allows each vine to be viewed on an individual basis. The trellising system is a single wire with a sprawling canopy.

VINIFICATION

Fruit is harvested in March and April. On arrival in the winery, the grapes are destemmed and the must placed into closed stainless steel fermenters where a short fermentation of between 0.5 to 4% ABV is performed. The must is then pressed using a Willmes airbag press and the fermenting juice is fortified with neutral grape spirit. The resultant wine is then placed into stainless steel tanks for settling. After settling, the wines are aged in old oak casks as individual vintages and vineyards until entry into the Old Vine Solera. The vintage needs to be of a level of quality to enter into this Solera, which is determined by taste.

TASTING NOTES

Complex orange peel, raisin and rose petal aromas give way to a warming, luscious palate with a rich texture and a hint of wood spice. This incredibly concentrated wine has a clean, fresh finish.

AWARDS

GOLD - Decanter World Wine Awards 2017 GOLD - Sommelier Wine Awards 2018

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