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## Mamre Brook Chardonnay 2003

A spotlight has shone on the Barossa Valley's Saltram winery since 1859 - wines that have been renowned for their richness, intensity and character. Saltram's Chief Winemaker, Nigel Dolan, has a reputation as one of the best winemakers in South Australia - he has won countless awards, including the prestigious Jimmy Watson Trophy on two occasions. No history of the Barossa Valley or the Australian wine industry is complete without the mention of Saltram. Many of Australia's most influential and celebrated winemakers have passed through Saltram's cellar doors throughout its history.

### Winemaker Comments Nigel Dolan

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#### Vineyard Region

Barossa Valley

#### Vintage Conditions

Sourced entirely from the Barossa region, the fruit for the 2003 Mamre Brook Chardonnay was the result of an excellent vintage. The warm ripening conditions enabled the fruit to develop rich ripe varietal characters and a great intensity of flavour.

Following crushing and pressing, selected parcels of fruit were fermented in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels. A portion of the wine then underwent malo-lactic fermentation to create a rich creamy mouth feel and to add further complexity. The winemaker carefully assessed each parcel before blending to ensure that the classic Saltram Mamre Brook style was maintained.

#### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** March-April 2003

**pH** 3.3

**Acidity** 5.4g/L

**Alcohol** 13.5%

**Residual Sugar** 4.2g/L

**Bottling Date** January 2004.

**Peak Drinking** Enjoy now or will continue to reward over the next 2-3

#### Grape Variety

Chardonnay

#### Maturation

#### Colour

The 2003 Mamre Brook Chardonnay is vibrant straw yellow in the glass.

#### Nose

Classic varietal aromas of melon, stone fruit and pear are present on the nose.

#### Palate

The rich creamy palate offers intense melon and pear characters with a well-integrated oak backbone. The wine has a long and generous finish.