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## Mamre Brook Chardonnay 2004

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.

Following crushing and pressing, selected parcels of fruit were fermented in a combination of new and seasoned oak. A portion of the wine then underwent malolactic 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.

### Winemaker Comments

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#### Vineyard Region

Barossa Valley

#### Vintage Conditions

The fruit for the 2004 Mamre Brook Chardonnay was sourced entirely from the Barossa. The 2004 vintage was very good. The moderate conditions allowed the fruit to slowly develop intense chardonnay varietal characters and the desired levels of natural acidity.

#### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** March-April 2004

**pH** 3.24

**Acidity** 5.9g/L

**Alcohol** 13%

**Residual Sugar** 2.9g/L

**Bottling Date** June 2005

**Peak Drinking** This wine has been bottled under screwcap to retain the fresh fruit flavours. It may be enjoyed now or will continue to reward over the next few years.

#### Saltram Awards

#### Grape Variety

Chardonnay

#### Maturation

#### Colour

The 2004 Mamre Brook Chardonnay is bright straw yellow in the glass.

#### Nose

This wine displays classic varietal aromas of pear and melon on the nose.

#### Palate

These flavours continue on the rich, creamy palate supported by well-integrated oak characters and a long elegant finish.