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New Optimiste Wines

Optimiste Cabernet Sauvignon 2005	RRP \$18
Optimiste Petit Verdot 2006	RRP \$18
Optimiste Marquis 2006	RRP \$24

Steve and Sharlene Dadd have been producing exceptional fruit from their Mudgee vineyards for many years now and have sold to some of the best wineries in New South Wales (including Petersons, Andrew Harris and Southcorp). They are now realising their own dream with the launch of their own brand – Optimiste.

Optimiste wines come from the Dadd's 11 hectares of vines set high up in the hills on the Sydney side of Mudgee. The well drained, north facing gravel slopes are well insulated from frost and producing some of the cleanest, disease free fruit in the district. The vineyards are hand picked and yields are between 3-4 tonnes per acre.

The Dadds have been ably assisted by the considerable talents of Arrowfield's winemaker Barry Kooij and have also now been joined by one of Mudgee's most exciting young winemakers Michael Slater.

Optimiste Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Cabernet is Mudgee's signature red and the well drained gravel slopes of Optimiste's vineyards are proving to be exceptionally well suited to this varietal. Perfect growing conditions throughout the 2005 season and cool nights in April allowed intense varietal flavours to develop slowly and fully. The wine has been aged for 15 mths in 25% new French oak barrels and the rest in 1 yr old barrels.

Optimiste Petit Verdot 2006

Optimiste's 2 hectares of 10 year old Petit Verdot vines have received high

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acclaim from winemakers, show judges and media alike. The fruit has traditionally gone into trophy and gold medal winning wines for other brands. Now under the Optimiste name the success is certain to continue with the 2006 vintage producing a perfectly balanced, rich and full bodied wine but with delicate varietal characteristics of blackberry and mint. The wine was matured in new and 2 year old French and American Oak barrels. Enjoy it now before the Mudgee Wine Show gets its hand on it this month!

Optimiste Marquis 2006

Optimiste's flagship red, the 2006 Marquis was made from the vineyards best parcels of fruit and became a blend of 50% Cabernet, 30% Merlot and 20% Petit Verdot. The wine was matured in new and 2 year old French and American Oak barrels. Optimiste's "Marquis" red was dedicated to the Dadd's young son, Marcus, whose inspiring struggle with deafness captures the spirit of hope and passion in this new brand.

The family's favourite quote is one from Helen Keller "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

This spirit has already been noticed with Optimiste having been selected to feature two of their wines at this November's 2008 New South Wales Tourism Awards gala dinner at Star City, Sydney.

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