

Lillypilly 2007 Moscato

TASTING NOTES: A late-harvest sweet white wine made from Muscat of Alexandria grapes. Yellow colour with green tinge. Delicate floral and grapey. Light, rounded and soft.

MUSCAT OF ALEXANDRIA: A FLAVOUR BOMB FROM ANTIQUITY

Muscat of alexandria is one of the oldest of grape varieties. Indeed, Jancis Robinson, in her excellent book *Vines, Grapes and Wines*, describes it as one of the most ancient cultivated plants we know and suggests, because it has been propagated by cuttings rather than seeds, muscat of alexandria is one of the oldest genetically unchanged plants still thriving.

The variety is presumed to have originated in northern Africa and may well have been harvested in the vineyards of ancient Egypt.

The flavours of muscat of alexandria are very close to most people's interpretation of the term "grapey" and the variety is ideally suited to producing medium-sweet, but highly refreshing, wines such as this.

We also encourage the development of botrytis in part of our muscat of alexandria vineyard and use the variety to produce some of our botrytised sweet whites.

