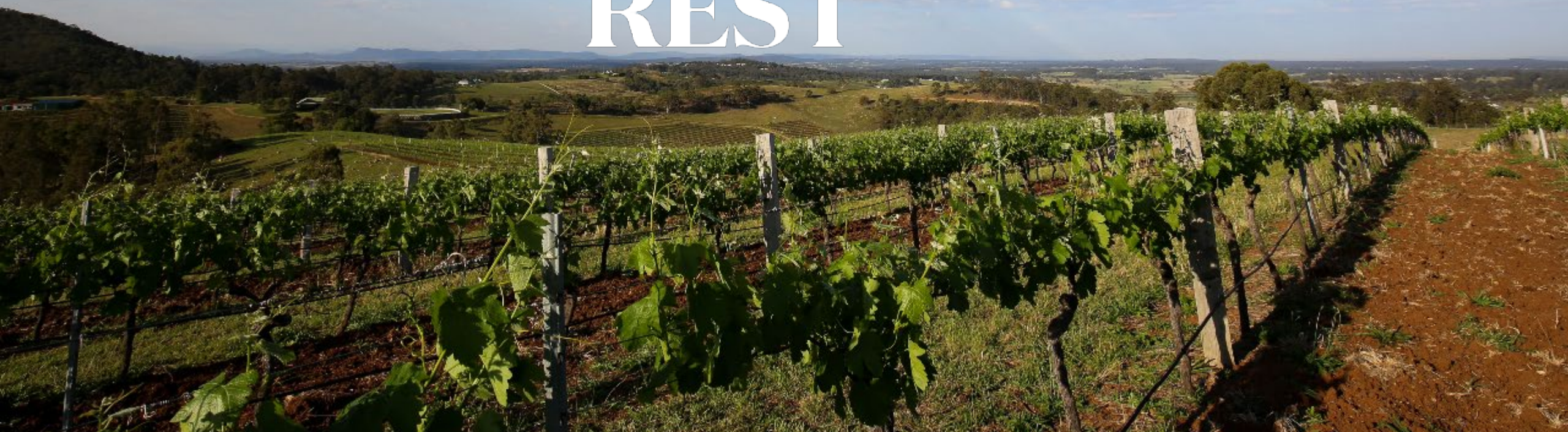




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About us



The Eagles Rest Vineyard is nestled high in valleys of the Brokenback Range and is the highest elevation vineyard in the Hunter Valley at 240 metres above sea level.

Named after the resident Wedge Tailed Eagles, Eagles Rest is a gold medal winning boutique wine producer specialising in premium Semillon, Chardonnay and Shiraz, producing less than 5,000 cases each year.



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A long history



Although the Eagles Rest brand was only established in 2007 the history of the property and the vines date back to the early 1800s and the origins of wine making in Australia.

The vineyard which was originally planted by Audrey Wilkinson's Grandfather, Frederick, is one of the earliest planted in Australia.

Our vineyard is named 'Maluna', which means 'one who rises above' and was the original name of the property.



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High elevation



Maluna, is nestled 240m above sea level in the foothills of the Broken Back mountain range. It shares the west border with the Pokolbin state forest and over 100 kilometres of untouched wilderness. Through the centre of the property flows the Flemming gully and to either side lie the steeply terraced vineyard blocks. This orientation allows for a variety of unique microclimates, from cool south-facing slopes and higher altitude blocks, to the warmer north-facing terraces.



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Ancients soils



The soil on the vineyard is over 300 million years old and is incredibly diverse. On the ridgetops you will find red volcanic duplex soils planted to Shiraz and on the valley floor lies sandy loam planted to Chardonnay and Semillon.

The oldest of these vines were planted in the 1970's and dry farmed for decades, typically producing a low crop of highly concentrated fruit.



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A special place



We strive to produce the highest quality fruit by pruning for low yield, to increase quality and intensify the colour, aromas and flavour of our grapes.

Our unique vineyard blocks have an outstanding diversity of soils along with fantastic natural moisture. The soils, aspect and the dynamics of the place truly set it apart from surrounding vineyards.

Eagles Rest is nestled in its own micro-climate of valleys and gorges that run from the Brokenback ridge and is one of the last sites in the Hunter Valley to ever suffer a drought.



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Quality at our heart



The fruit from the Eagles Rest vineyard is highly regarded amongst Pokolbin's winemakers for its quality.

The wines from Eagles Rest display finesse and elegance. They show great acid structure giving the wines brightness and liveliness. The fruit characters are always well defined and distinctive.

With a focus on our unique microclimate, we farm and pick our fruit by hand to deliver quality over quantity and provide age ability.



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Owner

Michael Hill



Michael Hill purchased the vineyard in 2004, and renamed it Eagles Rest with affection for the family of wedge-tailed eagles that are his residents in the ridge, seen daily soaring through these high vineyard blocks.

Driven by his belief that the site was capable of producing the best fruit and wine that the Hunter Valley can, he set about implementing his vision for the property.

He immediately began pruning for low yields, removing excess fruit maximising the quality for the Eagles Rest wines.

Michael's mission is to create wines crafted to truly reflect the unique character of each of the historic blocks in the vineyard.



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Marketing Manager

Chris Hill



After completing his Bachelor of Commerce at The University of Sydney in 2018 Chris Hill joined the family business, Eagles Rest, as the marketing manager. Chris has since completed WSET Level 2 in July 2019 and having truly embraced wine, Chris is now looking to enroll in the Diploma of Viticulture and Oenology in the second half of 2020.

His vision for Eagles Rest is to produce a range of contemporary, world class wines that express the various microclimates found throughout the Eagles Rest property.



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General Manger

Gerald Williams



With a career in viticulture career spanning nearly 30 years, Gerald Williams joined the team at Eagles Rest in 2015 as Vineyard and Property Manager. Gerald's vineyard management style is a blend of modern and old-world farming techniques. Ploughing the vineyard rows, under vine cultivating and using animals in the vineyard.

Gerald has a complete focus on quality ahead of quantity. He employs techniques such as the minimal use of machinery, with all grapes hand picked. Gerald has also introduced a program to minimise the use of chemicals in the vineyard.



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Winemaker

Xanthe Hatcher



Xanthe Hatcher commenced her winemaking career in the Hunter Valley in 2009, and in 2012, was selected as 'Finalist' for The Wine Society's Young Winemaker Award. In 2016 Xanthe's talents were recognised by her peers, being honoured with the Hunter Valley Wine Industry's Alasdair Sutherland Scholarship. In 2017 Xanthe was appointed Winemaker for Cockfighter's Ghost, charged with putting her own stamp on the label including the release of the new Single Vineyard range. In August 2019 Xanthe was appointed Chief Winemaker at Agnew Wines where our Eagles Rest wines are carefully crafted.



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Admired



Since inception, Eagles Rest wines have been enjoyed by some of Australia's most respected critics.

"Eagles Rest has flown under the radar since its establishment in 2007, and still does."

James Halliday



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THE WILD PLACE
HUNTER VALLEY
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The Wild Place series reflects the nature of the vineyard and the surrounding landscape. The wines are testament to the quality of the fruit grown in the higher elevation and cooler climate location of the Eagles Rest vineyards in the Hunter Valley.





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The Maluna Series is a range of single vineyard wines made from fruit carefully selected to represent the best expression of our vineyard.

