



Mountain Top Estate™

AUSTRALIA'S FINEST SINGLE ESTATE COFFEE

Bin 478

Tasting Notes 2005



OVERALL DESCRIPTION

Bin 478 is a bright but delicate coffee, with muscatel-like sweetness and well balanced but lingering acidity.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Mountain Top Estate had a below average year of rainfall during the 2005, however during the harvest, from October-December, we experienced unusually high rainfall which extended the period from flowering to harvest to 12 months. The 2005 crop has significantly more body than previous harvests and is dominated by fruit flavours of berry and tropical fruits. This is as a direct result of a longer maturation of the cherries on the tree, resulting in more sweetness.

HARVEST CHARACTERISTICS

Bin 478 was harvested in the first pass of the season in late September; this coffee was sourced from a very small load of red and purple cherries and benefited from a meticulous wet process. The Bin Lot is a mix of purple coloured cherries, which add sweetness to the cup, and prime red cherries, which add to the complexity in flavour from acidity to sweetness. The cherries have benefited from a long 12 month maturation period on one of the best blocks on the Estate.

FRAGRANCE/AROMA

This coffee shows a deep complex fragrance of blueberry and cherry, with notes of apricot, lemon and lime, producing an alive and intriguing aroma.

BODY/AFTERTASTE

An intriguing but soft body with a creamy mouth feel that leaves the palate feeling smooth. The aftertaste is long, and sweet, highlighted by clean fruity flavours of blueberries and cherries.

SWEETNESS/ACIDITY

A complex acidity of lemons and citrus fruits coupled with a clean fruity sweetness, gives this coffee a unique and lingering cup quality of ripe grapes.

BALANCE

All elements complement each other well to produce an extremely well balanced coffee. The accent is sweetness of blueberry and cherry, with soft orange like acidity and creamy medium body: the cup is clean and long.

SUITABILITY

The bold fruity characteristics of this coffee lend itself to filter markets. A well-developed light roast will bring out the wild floral aromas of fresh stone fruits.

CUP SCORES

Using Cup of Excellence® score sheets and after being cupped on 6 separate occasions by more than 12 different people, Bin 478 has a Cup score as follows:

Aroma	Clean Cup	Acidity	Sweetness	Body	Aftertaste	Balance	Overall	Total
6.5	6.5	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.1	6.3	6.4	87.2%

Each category is scored out of 8. The total score is a percentage.