



2007 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD SHIRAZ

Review Summary

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AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

96 pts “A superb and impressive wine with a dark, meaty, black-fruited nose, five spice and exotic, fragrant complexity – quite brooding. The palate impresses even further, offering supple, juicy dark plum flavor and building dark creamed spices through the finish. Really immaculate and layered. This has soulful depth and balance and will age gracefully for many years.”

Nick Stock

The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

96 pts “Another epic Graveyard, with grand complexity, perfectly integrated French oak and tremendous line and length. It is built around subtle lifted wood spice, dried herbs and game aromas. The palate is beautifully balanced with structure, fine tannins and exotic spice lift that builds on the finish.”

**Tyson Stelzer, Wine 100 – Australia’s Leading Independent Wine Guide
August 2009**

96 pts “An elegant medium to full-bodied Hunter classic. Its smoky, floral bouquet of wild, brambly plums, cherries and blackberries, and fresh new cedary oak reveals musky, spicy undertones and a hit of liqueur chocolate. Building in weight and intensity towards a sumptuous and savory crescendo, the palate is dark, meaty and smoky, with a fabulous length of sour-edged fruit backed by nuances of roast chestnuts, tar and bramble.”

Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual 2010

96 pts – Best of the Best by Variety “Deep purple-crimson, it proclaims its breed and quality from the first whiff, overflowing with black fruits, tannins and oak in support. It will slowly gain notes of earth, briar and polished leather as it develops in bottle, the screwcap giving it an indefinite life span.”

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2011**

94 pts “The Graveyard Vineyard includes 25.5 acres of shiraz, nearly half of which was planted on its own roots in 1970. Those old vines managed the drought conditions of 2007, ripening a small crop quickly under high summer temperatures, harvested around February 15. They produced a vibrant young shiraz, a wine balanced between earthy savor and bright red strawberry flavor. New oak contributes richness without diminishing the vinosity, with hints of vanilla to complement the fruit’s floral notes of violets and jasmine. It’s as fresh as the cool rain the vines saved up from a few spring storms.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
February 2010**

93 pts “The 2007 Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz is holding firmly to its youthful deep garnet-purple color. Very pretty, cool-climate fruit nose: violets, dark cherry, cumin, vanilla, anise, cassis and a bit of tar. Medium bodied with a tightly knit, elegantly fruited palate. Medium-high level of fine tannins and medium to high acid. Concentrated. Very long finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
April 2010**

92 pts “Bright purple. Brooding, mineral-driven aromas of blackcurrant, mulberry, cola and crushed rock, with a liqueur-like nuance. Supple, lush and sweet but with zesty acidity and a recurring cola quality in the middle palate. Finishes with substantial tannins and a wallop of sweet black and blue fruit qualities. Richer and more powerful than the 2006, but I prefer that wine’s energy and floral character.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009**

91 pts “One of the Hunter Valley’s top bottlings, Brokenwood’s Graveyard Vineyard is still marked by hints of toasty oak at this young stage in its evolution. Vanilla accents lifted sour cherry and cranberry aromas, but on the palate the flavors darken and deepen, trending toward black cherries and plum. Has a nicely balanced, silky texture in the mouth, then a firm, long finish suggesting cellaring.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
February 2010**



90+ pts “Purple-colored with a stylish nose of pain grille, pencil lead, Asian spices, incense, and black cherry, the wine displays an elegant personality with a silky texture, ripe flavors, but significant underlying tannin. There appears to be enough fruit to fill out the structure but it will take 6-8 years of cellaring. If this happens, my score will look quite stingy.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186**

“This is a vastly more modern take on the Hunter Valley. It has a dark, meaty, black-fruited nose, five-spice and exotic fragrant complexity and is also quite brooding. The palate impresses even further, offering supple, juicy dark plum flavor and building dark, creamed spices through the finish – immaculate and layered. This has soulful depth and balance and will age gracefully for many years.”

**Nick Stock, Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine
July 2010**