



2007 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

Review Summary

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94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A classy little brother to Graveyard Shiraz, with the same vineyard origin; has great balance, texture and structure, with an interplay between blackberry, sweet leather and earth.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2010**

93 pts “There’s a layer of swanky, toasty oak across this impressive Hunter shiraz, adding a meaty layer to ripe spiced plums – really fresh and youthful. The palate is swathed in fine, ripe tannins, plenty of toasty oak here too, and a convincing ball of berry and plum flavor that resonates through the finish. More to come in time.”

**Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010**

92 pts “Inky violet color. Cherry-cola, blueberry, new leather, spices and violet on the nose. Densely packed and sweet, with complex flavors of fresh red berries, blueberry and cracked pepper. A rather suave shiraz that already shows good complexity. Finishes classically dry, with silky tannins and a late note of sweet dark berries. I'd still give this a bit of time in bottle.”

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

90 pts “The 2007 Brokenwood Shiraz Hunter Valley, 100% Shiraz aged for 14 months in American oak, delivers a complex, nuanced style with cassis and lead pencil notes giving way to notes of tobacco, herb, and subtle floral notes. Refined and elegant on the palate as well, with medium+ body, good acidity, and a smooth, supple texture, this isn’t a fruit bomb and finishes with good length and focus. It should most likely drink well for a decade.”

**Jeb Dunnuck
The Rhone Report June 2011**



90 pts “Truth be told, the difference in quality between this wine and the \$125 Graveyard Vineyard bottling doesn’t appear that great, so savvy consumers should jump on this Shiraz, which offers leather, coffee and roasted meat complexity allied to medium body, a creamy texture and a long, firmly structured finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2010

89 pts “The wine is dark ruby in color, with violet highlights. There are moderate aromas of eucalyptus, paraffin, black pepper, and sweet, jammy berries and plum. It is medium-full in body, with a sweet fruit presence on the palate, finishing with large, rounded tannins.”

Glen Frederiksen
Wines Lines Online
July 2011

88 pts “Black and smoky, this falls in with the thicker styles of shiraz, a big, bruising red that manages to finish clean. It's spicy and relatively cool for its size. The liquid companion to morcilla.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October, 2009

87 pts “It displays wood smoke, sage, black pepper, lavender, and blackberry. Medium-bodied, on the palate it is lean, racy, and elegant with enough structure to support 2-3 years of further cellaring. For those who find Shiraz from McLaren Vale and Barossa to be overbearing, this could be your ticket.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009

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