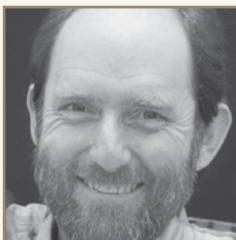


# BROKENWOOD



## 2004 BROKENWOOD OAKY CREEK VINEYARD SEMILLON

**WINEMAKER:** Iain Riggs  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley  
**VARIETALS:** Semillon  
**FERMENTATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ALCOHOL:** 11.5% alc/vol

### VINTAGE NOTES:

In the Hunter Valley, a glorious, but dry winter followed an excellent 2003 vintage. With only five days of rain from June to September, irrigation was essential during this time. Christmas Day was a scorcher at 40°C with plenty more dry, hot days following the holiday. Harvest was underway by the first week of February and all Semillon fruit was picked by Valentine's Day.

### WINEMAKING:

The hand-harvested fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used during stainless steel fermentation. This wine saw no oak and no malolactic fermentation.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2004 Oakey Creek Vineyard Semillon, at 5 years of age, is a luminous green-yellow color. On the nose, zesty lemongrass and sweet apple blossom aromas are fresh and lively. The citrusy palate is balanced by its tight structure and refined mineral edge. The wine finishes clean with gentle acidity and a soft, limey aftertaste. An impressive drink-now wine or age it further for more "toasty" character development.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 89 pts - Wine Spectator Online

### ABOUT BROKENWOOD:

A benchmark Australian winery founded in 1970 by Sydney trio Tony Albert, John Beeston and Australia's leading wine critic, James Halliday, Brokenwood evolved from a weekend venture for these self-professed hobby winemakers into one of Australia's most reputable wine labels. With the appointment of winemaker, Iain Riggs, in 1982, the company extended its range to include the jewel of the Hunter Valley, Semillon and is known for producing one of the nation's most iconic single vineyard wines, The Graveyard Shiraz.



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