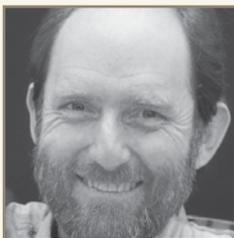


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2005 BROKENWOOD ILR RESERVE SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley
VARIETALS: Semillon
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 7.2 g/L TA | 2.96 pH | 2.0 g/L RS

WINEMAKING:

As per our standard Hunter style, the Semillon fruit was hand-picked at low baume with great fruit weight and flavor intensity, alongside brilliant and focused acidity. Harvesting all by hand. The fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used for the fermentation which was carried out in stainless steel tanks to preserve the pristine fruit characters and aromatics, lasting 3-4 weeks. The wine was then cold-settled, racked and filtered prior to bottling, without any influence from malolactic fermentation or oak. The use of screw cap seal will ensure freshness and avoid any chance of cork taint or oxidation.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 ILR Reserve Semillon is a pale green-yellow color. After five plus years of age, the wine is just starting to flaunt its traditional Hunter Valley Semillon toasty characters along with lifted citrus, lemongrass and some sweet apple blossom aromas. Fruit dominant on the palate, but typical tight structure with a lime citrus acid finish. Often confused as an oak character, the rich flavor is the result of aging. An impressive Semillon from a year that will reward drinking now or further cellaring to develop its toasty characters.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts Wine & Spirits

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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