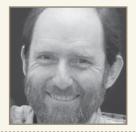
BROKENWOOD







2007 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD VINEYARD SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley

VARIETALS: Shiraz

MATURATION: American and French oak barriques

ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.35 | pH: 3.33

BACKGROUND:

The jewel in Brokenwood's crown is the Graveyard Vineyard with its heavy clay soils producing low yields and intense flavors. First planted in 1968 using cuttings from mature vineyards in the area, the Graveyard vineyard was originally designated as a 19th century cemetery, although it was never used as such.

WINEMAKING:

Four-day cold soak, five-day ferment with hand plunging two times per day in small two-tonne fermenters, then run off to oak. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels – 80% French and 20% American, with about 80% new.

TASTING NOTES:

Excellent deep color and youthful tints. Strong lifted aroma's of sweet earth and dark cherry. The oak (nearly all French) is obvious in this as a young wine but will soften and integrate. Initial flavors of dark chocolate and ripe plums. These are supported by beautifully ripe tannins giving a slight cedar edge. There is mocha/vanillin from the oak but this is in balance with the fruit characters.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts - Wine & Spirits, 93 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92+ pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts - Wine Enthusiast

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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