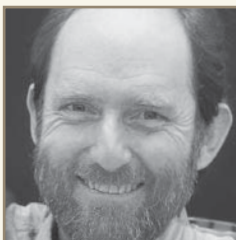


BROKENWOOD



2009 BROKENWOOD CRICKET PITCH WHITE

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (59%), Semillon (41%)
FERMENTATION: A small percentage (5%) was fermented in barrel
ALCOHOL: 12.0% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

The name Cricket Pitch is derived from an early Parish map, which shows the original 10 acres, purchased in 1970, as a cricket playing ground for the local community. The Cricket Pitch range of wines are sourced from premium regions throughout Australia to create a style that demonstrates balance, elegance and consistency.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Heat wave conditions across the southern part of Australia, coupled with bushfires had everyone in the Hunter Valley feeling for our colleagues down south and prompted our decision not to use any Indigo Vineyard grapes. The Hunter Valley was unaffected and the Hunter fruit in this blend is Semillon. The King Valley and McLaren Vale has provided the bulk of the Sauvignon Blanc.

WINEMAKING:

Fruit outside the Hunter Valley was processed to the primary juice stage before being transported to the winery in the Hunter Valley for fermentation and blending. A small percentage (approximately 5%) of this wine was fermented in barrel.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2009 Cricket Pitch White is bright, pale yellow with some green tints with aromas of citrus and Hunter Semillon lemongrass. The warm year pushed the Sauvignon Blanc towards the lime/hay spectrum. The barrel ferment character adds subtle complexity and a further dimension to the palate. A fine acid structure provides length and liveliness to the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Wine & Spirits, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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