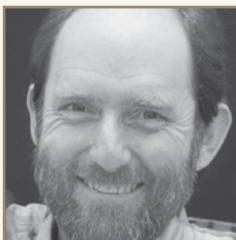


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2009 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Semillon
ALCOHOL: 11% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

Semillon is the traditional, premium white grape of New South Wales' Hunter Valley. This extremely versatile grape variety is typically harvested at a low baume in the Hunter, highlighting its fresh citrus and green apple notes and vibrant acidity. It can be enjoyed young in this style, or with substantial bottle maturation, showing attractive creamed honey and toasty notes when aged for 10 to 20 years.

WINEMAKING:

All fruit was hand-harvested with extreme care from Brokenwood's estate vineyards. The fruit was then crushed, chilled and pressed immediately in order to preserve the fresh fruit flavours and avoid phenolics. Juice was fermented with neutral yeasts in stainless steel only, with malolactic fermentation prevented in order to retain the crisp acidity.

TASTING NOTES:

Excellent, luminous green/yellow colour. Lifted zesty, lemongrass aromas with some sweet apple blossom characters. Fruit dominant on the palate but typical tight structure with citrus acid finish. Initial lime plus cut grass flavours. Perfect balance of fruit, alcohol and acid. An impressive Semillon from a year that will reward early drinking or cellaring.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate,
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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