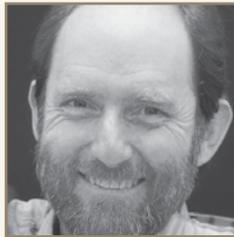


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2009 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 14 months in American oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.8g/L TA | 3.4 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

The rain that plagued the '08 vintage finally eased up at the end of April and then no rain days in May. The middle three winter months normally dry for us saw another 10 inches and then odd rain days through to the year end. Fruit set was not as complete but resulted in long loose bunches especially in the Shiraz. A good result.

WINEMAKING:

Part vinomatic and part open top 2-4 tonne fermenters. The latter plunged two times per day. Perfect grapes do not need a lot of input and after 7 days pressed off, with malolactic fermentation conducted in tank. Oak maturation was in American barriques for 14 months. While the basis of the HV Shiraz is the clonal Shiraz in the Graveyard (planted in the 1990s) this wine gets a bonus in the form of barriques of Shiraz off the old vines that don't quite make the icon Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz blend.

TASTING NOTES:

Medium density colour but still vibrant with purple hues. The result of a cooler year and Hunter reds in general are never big and black in color. Very good lifted red cherry/red earth fruit aromas and some vanillin oak. A perfect supple, medium bodied palate. Savory notes and red fruits. The tannins are soft but sufficient to give length and drive to the palate. The oak is a touch forward (not long after bottling) but will settle and there is enough fruit to match it.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Wine & Spirits, 91+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 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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