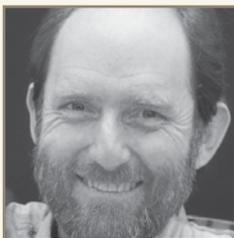


BROKENWOOD



2009 BROKENWOOD PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Beechworth, Victoria
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 12 months in predominately older French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.45

VINTAGE:

The 2009 Pinot Noir is handcrafted using blend of 3 clones, 114, 115 and MV6, from Brokenwood's Beechworth vineyard in North East Victoria. The latter part of the 2009 Beechworth vintage proved difficult with drought and then the threat of bushfires. Fortunately the early grapes, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were picked before any problems arose.

WINEMAKING:

The 2009 growing season produced ripe Pinot Noir grapes at picking. To achieve retention of the freshness, the must underwent a cold soak prior to fermentation with approximately 10% whole bunches in the ferment. No post ferment maceration was undertaken. Oak maturation was in predominantly older French oak barriques for 12 months.

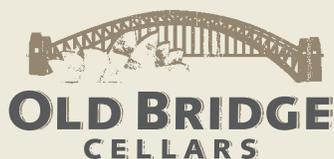
TASTING NOTES:

The 2009 Brokenwood Pinot Noir is a mid-weight wine. Good depth of color and youthful purple tints are evident. Complex aromas of lifted, sweet red cherry over earthy, savory characters with a touch of oak are echoed on the palate. Balance is aided by ripe tannins over a lingering finish. Enjoyable as a zippy, young wine, it will mature well for 4 to 8 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2009 - Not yet reviewed. 2008 - 88 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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