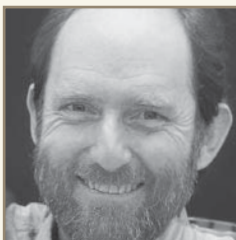


BROKENWOOD



2011 BROKENWOOD CRICKET PITCH RED

WINEMAKER:	Iain Riggs
REGION:	Central Ranges, Hunter Valley (N.S.W.) Beechworth (Vic.) and McLaren Vale (S.A.)
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Shiraz (22%), Merlot (10%), Petit Verdot (8%)
MATURATION:	18 months in 1-3 year old American and French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol 6.33 g/L TA 3.44 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

With 2011 being quite a challenging vintage for the Southern States (makes for a change) we moved the grape sourcing for this wine. As such approximately it is from NSW with the majority of that being from the Central Ranges. Beechworth does play a part and some of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, plus the Petit Verdot coming from the Indigo Vineyard. In some respects a very modern style of Cricket Pitch red with bright red fruit characters, low tannins and an easy drinkability.

VINIFICATION:

Mostly vinomatic fermenters used, after 2-3 day cold soak prior to ferment. Oak regime is mainly 1-3 year old American and French oak barriques, up to 18 months.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of red cherry, spice and sweet oak. Mid-weight palate with Cabernet Sauvignon cedar up front leading to soft Shiraz richness. Some vanillin on both nose and palate with a long sweet finish. Excellent fruit flavors and balance being the features that will be maintained under the screw cap packaging.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Australian Wine Companion

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