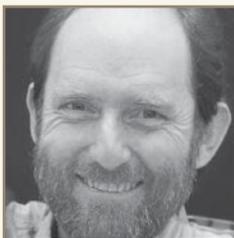


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2012 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Semillon
ANALYSIS: 10.5 alc/vol | TA: 6.91 g/L | pH: 3.09

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 flavors 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:

Plenty of pale green tints. Lifted grassy citrus characters on the aromas. Sweet fruit flavors initially on the palate with some Bickford lime cordial notes. Excellent acid structure, importantly balanced with the fruit, long carry on the finish as well. Perfect in its youth, will bottle age gracefully for those that want a mature style.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts International Wine Cellar, 88 pts The Wine Advocate, 88 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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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