

2011 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

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AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

Review Summary

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James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2013

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James Halliday
Australian Magazine - The Weekend
November 19-20, 2011

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Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

92 pts "Love the sliced white peach and hints of melons on the nose that follow through to full body, with tangy acidity and a lively finish. Minerals and racy. Savory. Brine or talc aftertaste. Love it. This winery has been making excellent wines since 1970s."

James Suckling
JamesSuckling.com
June 20, 2012

90+ pts "Light yellow color; aromatic, lemon oil nose; tasty, tart lemon oil, mineral palate; medium-plus finish."

Richard Jennings
RjonnWine.com
February 6, 2013



90 pts “Pale straw. Honeysuckle, jasmine, fresh pear and honey on the fragrant nose, accented by a touch of chalk dust. Crisp and nervy on the palate, with vibrant lemon-lime and orange pith flavors enlivened by bitter herb notes. Youthfully tight on the finish, with features clean, brisk citrus tones and a late note of quinine.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

90 pts “Light lemon nose ... It’s all a Hunter Semillon should be at this age, which means it’s a shy, secretive young lady that is going to blossom one day. If drinking today, do so with food, as the acidity and lack of balance comes good among other flavors and textures. A great wine, its time yet to come.”

Anthony Keys
Key Review of Wine
July 2012

90 pts “This bright, lively white brims with lime, green apple and floral flavors, finishing silky. Refreshing now, but give this time to flesh out. Drink now through 2025.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 30, 2012

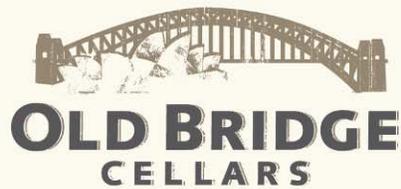
87 pts “Coming from a single vineyard of vines planted in 1982, the 2011 Semillon displays well-defined lemon zest and fresh pear aromas. Light-bodied with a good line of crisp acidity nicely offset by just a touch of residual sugar (5 grams per liter), it has plenty of citrus and apple flavor in the mouth and a long, clean finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com
December 23, 2011

GOLD MEDAL - Best of Class **2013 Riverside International Wine Competition**

100 Best Australian Wines “Back with a bang, Brokenwood’s wines have been re-launched in the UK and there is no better vintage than 2011 with which to unleash this devastatingly pure yet remarkably satisfying Semillon into the market. Unlike many edgy, raw 2011s this wine already has a pristine, linear, purity and an immediate enjoyment factor that wows the senses. Prepare to impale your palate on one of the most gripping and stimulating wines of the year.”

Matthew Jukes
100 Best Australian Wines 2012
May, 11 2012



“Focused and clean with flavors of honey, pear, and lemon.”

Pamela Heiligenthal
“Best Wines Under \$20 According to Wine Bloggers” - SeriousEats.com
March 14, 2014

“It’s 30 years since a young winemaker, Iain Riggs, arrived at Brokenwood to make its first white wines - Semillon of course. Riggs’s fresh, bright and breezy style recalibrated Hunter Semillon forever. The 2011 epitomizes this style: fresh, lemony spices, lanolinlike aromas with clean and crisp flavors of fresh herbs and wild honey flowing to a citrus finish.”

Peter Bourne
The Sydney Morning Herald
June 2012

“Medium straw, delicate pretty nose. Balance and delicacy; still has time ahead. Green apply flavors, nice, open and pleasant. Good food wine, fuller flavoral style, very fine talc, lemon with a lanolin edge, very zesty acid. Good commercial style.”

The Panel
Drinks Trade 2012

“One of the world's great wines, currently underappreciated. You can argue the legitimacy of certain grapes and places, but Semillon in Australia's warm and humid Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, is undoubtable. Hunter Valley Semillon can easily be a 20-year wine, full of green notes when young, mellowing to ripeness when aged. At Brokenwood, Iain Riggs' steel-aged effort delivers a remarkable amount of wine for the money, with enough green freshness to tackle oysters, and yet ample fruit for chicken.”

Jon Bonné
San Francisco Chronicle
February 19, 2012