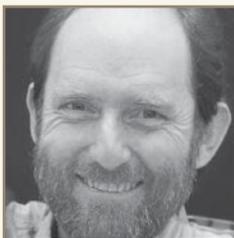


# BROKENWOOD



## 2010 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Iain Riggs  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley, New South Wales  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 14 months in 100% American barriques (new and old)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 6.8g/L TA | 3.4 pH

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The lower Hunter Valley finished the calendar year with 26 inches of rain and the majority of that in the winter months. Then followed a very warm to hot spring but bud burst and flowering was unaffected. November 20th was a spectacular summer storm. The hail that swept across the lower Hunter Valley came around the foothills of the Brokenback Range, and then swung north east taking in the Graveyard and Verona vines.

### WINEMAKING:

Part vinomatic and part open top 2-4 ton 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 Hunter Valley 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.

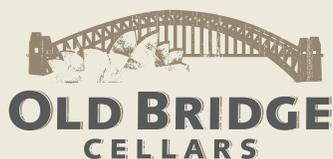
### TASTING NOTES:

With a higher proportion of old vine fruit in the blend; the aroma has richness to it from the newer oak and more concentrated fruit. Bright red cherry fruit and background charr oak, with the oak giving a slight sweet vanillin note. A perfect supple, medium bodied palate – as it should be. Earthy sweet red fruit characters and soft tannins that carry to the end. The oak is evident but sits well with the fruit.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 91 pts - Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Wine Spectator

### 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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