

2011 BROKENWOOD AREA BLEND SHIRAZ

BROKENWOOD AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

Review Summary

95 pts "Matured in French and American oak for 18 months; this is the opposite play to the '12 Quail from the same regions - there it was McLaren Vale helping the Hunter Valley component, here a very good Hunter Valley vintage supports the lesser McLaren Vale vintage. The color is vivid purple, and the bouquet signals the intense and powerful dark fruit spectrum of the medium to full-bodied palate. A third of the price of Quail, and a cellaring super-special."

J<mark>a</mark>mes Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

90 pts "Deep ruby. Musky blackberry, cherry pit and underbrush on the nose, with a subtle floral quality gaining strength with air. Youthful cherry and dark berry compote flavors are initially wound up but slowly flesh out, gaining sweetness and a smoky mocha quality. Finishes with peppery spice and cherry flavors and very good, sweet persistence."

Josh Raynolds Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/August 2013

88 pts "On the lighter side, with refreshing acidity to balance the ripe plum and tar flavors, lingering easily."

Harvey Steiman WineSpectator.com 2013