



2007 BROKENWOOD ILR RESERVE SEMILLON

Review Summary

BROKENWOOD

AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

98 pts – Best of Semillon 2015 “Incredibly pale, although bright, straw-green; this is the best ILR so far made; while delicate and elegant, the citrus, lemongrass and mineral components are utterly seamless, the palate of perfect balance and length. Arguably its Achilles heel is the pleasure it gives now, as too few will experience the increased complexity of further age.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2015

92 pts “Light and silky, with pretty pear, lime, mineral and spice flavors coming together on the taut, almost fragile finish. This has depth and length without weight. Should develop more nuances with time. Drink now through 2022.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator Insider
June 12, 2013

92 pts “Pale yellow. Pungent, highly perfumed aromas of candied fig, pear and lemon rind, with a suggestion of honey in the background. Smooth and seamless in texture, offering intense orchard and citrus fruit flavors that stain the palate. Closes with mounting spiciness and very good focus and persistence, leaving spice and bitter quinine notes behind. The 1999 version of this wine is just beginning to hit its stride, by the way, and should continue to age well for another decade, at a minimum.”

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

90 pts/Cellar Selection “The ILR Reserve continues to be one of the top Hunter Semillons available in the U.S. The 2007 remains youthful, showing a pretty array of citrus aromas and flavors, medium body and a crisp texture. In another few years, this medium-bodied wine should start to develop nuances of honey and toast.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2014



Gold Medal

Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

Best Mature White

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2013

Gold Medal

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Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2013

Regional Trophy

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100 Best Australian Wines 2014/15 “Brokenwood is no stranger to this list, but ILR has only appeared in the best-supporting and not the lead role. This year the tables are turned and you can lower your palate tentatively into this glass and then allow it to relax and unfurl. During this process your synapses will snap and crackle as they receive some very good flavor news indeed. This is a stunning wine with mellifluous lime curd fruit and incredible length. You have to remind yourself that this is an unoaked, 11.5% alcohol wine. The calibre of fruit from the Oakey Creek Road vineyard in 2007 was clearly exceptional. I haven’t tasted a finer ‘Iain Leslie Riggs’. Now you know why winemaker Riggsy opted to use his initials for this flagship wine rather than his full name!”

Matthew Jukes
MattheJukes.com
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