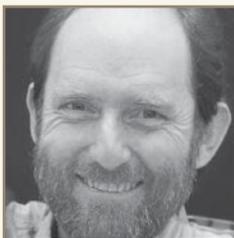


# BROKENWOOD



## 2011 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD VINEYARD SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Iain Riggs  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 18 months, 100% French oak (40% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.0% alc/vol | TA: 6.12 | pH: 3.43

### BACKGROUND:

The jewel in Brokenwood's crown is the Graveyard Vineyard with its heavy clay soils producing low yields and intense flavors. First planted in 1968 using cuttings from mature vineyards in the area, the Graveyard vineyard was originally designated as a 19th century cemetery, although it was never used as such.

### WINEMAKING:

All hand picked fruit and processing started with a four-day cold soak followed by a four to five-day fermentation. Three ton open fermenters were used enabling hand plunging twice per day. The wine was pressed off and run to oak and the malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine matured in 100% French oak (40% new) including 10% larger format (300L) puncheons.

### TASTING NOTES:

Typical Hunter Valley dry red color with mid density and young red tints, the standard for this wine as it is never 'dense black'. Bran meal/vanilla oak is evident with sufficient fruit to balance. Fruit characters are in the red savory spectrum, almost cherry compote. These follow on to the medium bodied palate with plenty of sweet fruit.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 97 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 94+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### 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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