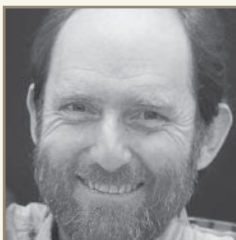


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2009 BROKENWOOD OAKY CREEK VINEYARD SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley
VARIETALS: Semillon
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 8.0 g/L TA | 2.81 pH

BACKGROUND:

Rain forced picking two weeks earlier than normal but resulted in a very traditional style Hunter Semillon. Semillon is the traditional, premium white grape of New South Wales' Hunter Valley. This extremely versatile grape variety is typically harvested at a low baume in the Hunter, highlighting its fresh citrus and green apple notes and vibrant acidity. It can be enjoyed young in this style, or with substantial bottle maturation, showing attractive creamed honey and toasty notes when aged for ten to twenty years.

WINEMAKING:

The hand-harvested fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used during stainless steel fermentation. This wine saw no oak and no malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES:

The color belies its six years of bottle age upon its release, with wonderful pale green tints. The aromas are pure Hunter Valley Semillon - part lemon grass and part toasted almond. These follow to the palate, texture from the bottle age and nougat and mandarin peel will continue to develop over the next many years. A superb zesty finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts - Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 93 pts - Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts International Wine Cellar, 91 pts The Wine Advocate

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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