



2011 BROKENWOOD  
ILR RESERVE SEMILLON  
**Review Summary**

**BROKENWOOD**  
AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

**97 pts/James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2018** "Already tasted several times on its path towards maturity. Initially Meyer lemon and lemongrass rode on a chariot of acidity that wept all before it. Now, as notes of honey and toast emerge, the pace of development is slowing, allowing time for all the flavors and textural complexity to take center stage."

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion  
2018**

**97 pts/★★★★★** "A truly captivating wine with admirable depth and presence. There is a gentle thread of lemon butter wound around a citrus core. Ripe lime aromatics plus a hint of preserved lemon and a breath of buttery toast. It is at a perfect stage of its evolution and is an exemplary example of Hunter Valley semillon. It looks perfect from the first pour though do take care not to over-chill. "

**Toni Paterson MW, The Real Review  
December 13, 2017**

**95 pts/TOP 100 AUSTRALIAN WINES OF 2018** "Lovely development showing here with notes of straw, creme brulee, nougat, dried pineapple, some petrol and candied citrus. Full-bodied with loads of tropical fruit on the palate, but it's well-integrated across a bed of mouthwatering acidity. A long finish."

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com  
December 10, 2018**

**94 pts/Editors' Choice** "From acclaimed Aussie winemaker Ian Riggs in one of Australia's most historic wine regions, this seven-year-old wine is a lovely example of the age worthy Semillon. Rich, waxy lemon and honey notes give way to a herbal and flinty streak. The palate is seriously focused and tightly wound around a line of zesty, crunchy acidity and a waxy texture. You could happily enjoy this now, but leave it in the cellar for another five to 10 years and watch it evolve to a whole new level of complexity."

**Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast  
February 2019**



**93 pts** “The evolution in this wine’s flavors has taken its gentle fruit toward honeycomb and persimmon, with a citrusy hit of orange acidity at the back. It’s complex and grassy, the pale fruit lasting with a hint of sweetness in the end. This is the current release of Brokenwood’s top selection of semillon, a wine that sees no oak. It’s named for Iain Leslie Riggs, who developed the style after joining the team in 1982.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2018**

**93 pts** “Rich and expressive, with beeswax, saline and lanolin notes that are distinctive. Honeyed pear and peach accents linger in the background, with vibrant acidity and an appealing, slightly waxy texture that gives the flavors bite.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator**  
**April 2018**

**93 pts** “The 2011 ILR Reserve Semillon is just beginning to show some signs of maturity. Scents of paraffin and clover blossoms are pushing closer to beeswax and honey, while the flavors are stuck somewhere between wax beans, lime and more mature notes of orange marmalade. It’s medium-bodied and silky in texture, broadening out from where it must have started its aging curve. Give it another couple of years in the cellar and drink it over the next decade or more.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**December 2017**

**GOLD MEDAL/Judges’ Selection Award: Australia White**

**TEXSOM International Wine Awards 2019**