

2011 BROKENWOOD OAKY CREEK SEMILLON

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WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Semillon
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 7.74 g/L TA | 2.91 pH

VINTAGE NOTES: Contrary to most thinking, the Hunter Valley had a perfect lead up to the 2011 vintage. The Valley had a mild and dry December and early January 2011 followed suit with only one day above 100F on the 2nd January. Further hot weather struck in late January resulting in some leaf burn. In a bizarre twist, the Hunter Valley was irrigating madly while most of Australia was under water.

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: At six years old on release, the color has started to deepen but still maintains a luminous green. This vineyard, on the flats of Oakey Creek Road has produced the majority of Brokenwood's ILR Reserve Semillon over the years. Lifted aroma of lime cordial and a hint of toasted nuts. Beautifully balanced palate of citrus flavors, some vanillin and nougat. Superb drinking now or over the medium term.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts Vinous

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.

