

2013 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

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WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 14 months in new and seasoned American barriques
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.44 pH

WINEMAKING: Part vinomatic and part open top 2-4 ton fermenters. The latter plunged two times per day. Perfect grapes do not need a lot of input and after 7 days pressed off, with malolactic fermentation conducted in tank. Oak maturation was in American barriques for 14 months. While the basis of the Hunter Valley Shiraz is the clonal Shiraz in the Graveyard (planted in the 1990s) this wine gets a bonus in the form of barriques of Shiraz off the old vines that don't quite make the icon Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz blend.

TASTING NOTES: Lifted fresh red fruit and spice characters. The colour still a vibrant deep red. Lovely savory, red cherry flavors and fine grained tannin from the perfectly ripe fruit and French oak. The oak takes a background seat due to the use of puncheons and mostly older oak. This is a fine Hunter Valley Shiraz.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 pts Vinous, 90 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

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.

