

# 2014 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD SHIRAZ

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**WINEMAKER:** Iain Riggs  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley, New South Wales  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in 100% French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.4 | pH: 3.49

**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 three to 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 large format seasoned French oak.

**TASTING NOTES:** Heralded as one of the best vintages of Graveyard Shiraz in decades. Perfect bright mid density color with purple tints just adding to the appeal. The use of seasoned, large format oak has allowed the red spice Hunter Shiraz fruit to shine, maybe red pastille in character? The initial palate is very supple and complete; there are no 'edges' to the palate giving a lovely flow from start to finish. The importance of acidity can never be underestimated as this underpins the structure. It is a juicy acidity and in complete harmony with the ripe tannins and perfectly balanced oak.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 97 pts JamesSuckling.com, 95+ pts Robert Parker Advocate, 94 pts Vinous, 93 pts Wine & Spirits

**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.

