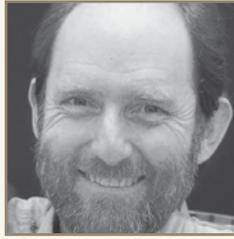


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2007 BROKENWOOD SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: McLaren Vale, Hunter Valley & Beechworth
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in American & French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 14% alc/vol | TA: 6.57 | pH: 3.61

WINEMAKING:

Across the length and breadth of Australia the 2007 vintage was one characterized by well below average rainfall. The Barossa Valley also had to contend with a damaging frost in late October, as well as zero rainfall between October and February. As such, a very early start and yields down considerably, in fact half of the 2006. McLaren Vale was in a similar situation however missed the severe frost.

TASTING NOTES:

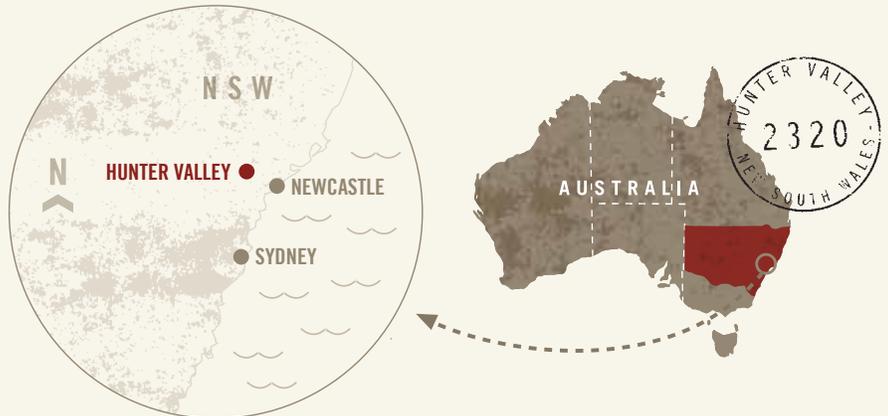
The initial feature of this is the medium density color, it isn't a blockbuster but then again that's not our style. Barossa Shiraz is a very different wine compared to McLaren Vale. The latter adds dark chocolate/cherry ripe characters while Barossa Shiraz is more noted for spice and earthy notes. These are evident on the nose along with ripe berry fruits. The palate is rich and long. Initial flavors are of fruit pastille with background of vanillin oak. The tannins are quite soft and ripe, nothing firm about this wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 87 pts 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.



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