



2009 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SHIRAZ

Review Summary

BROKENWOOD
AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

94 pts “Positive, bright crimson; right in the mainstream of modern — or retro-modern — medium-bodied Hunter Valley shiraz, with gentle earth and leather regional markers folded into dark berry and plum fruit plus a garnish of fine, savory tannins.”

James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2012

94 pts “Baby Graveyard in every sense (young vines and declassified barriques)- elegance, purity, pepper and leather with nuances of coal and those fine-boned textural Hunter tannins.”

Tyson Stelzer’ Australia’s Wine Business Magazine
June 2011

93 pts

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

93 pts “Impressive density beneath a modern sheen of oak and glossy winemaker polish backed by dark-berried Hunter Shiraz fruit. The palate’s juicy, dense and lithe, stretching supple tannins end to end.”

Tyson Stelzer’ Australia’s Wine Business Magazine
July 2011

92 pts – Year’s Best Australian Shiraz “A Hunter Burgundy of the old school, this Shiraz has clarity to its flavor, generous without being sweet or aggressive. There’s finesse and restraint in the long, mineral-inflected finish, reddened by cherry and lighter strawberry flavors. Lovely to drink now with roast leg of lamb, this will gain depth and complexity with age.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2011



91+ pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Shiraz presents an abundance of wonderfully forward aromas: ripe blackberry, fresh blueberries, cassia, nutmeg, cloves, anise and a whiff of menthol. Medium-bodied and crisp in the mouth it has taut, muscular fruit with medium-firm grainy tannins and a long finish. Approachable now, I’d really like to give the palate at least another year in bottle and drink it 2012 to 2017+.”

erobertparker.com
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91 pts “Made in a leaner style, with a cool climate feel, the 2009 Brokenwood Shiraz Hunter Valley opens up with air and boasts complex aromas of spicy black fruits, sappy underbrush, violets, and hints of pepper to go with a medium-bodied, juicy, very fresh palate. This improves noticeably with air, and I like the structure and focus here. While outstanding now with a decant, this should be even better in a year or three, and have upwards of a decade of prime drinking.”

Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
March 2012

91 pts “Saturated ruby. Red berries, woodsmoke, anise and violet on the assertive nose. Fresh and energetic, offering sweet raspberry and blackberry flavors that gain flesh and power with air. Tangy acidity adds focus and bite to a very long, sappy, fruit-driven finish. This has the balance to age.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011

91 pts - Syrah and Shiraz 2012 Winners “If you want to try the real McCoy from down under, then give the 2009 Brokenwood “Hunter Valley” Shiraz a try. At \$40 it is a bit pricey, but it is an impressive offering and received 91 points. It opens with an inviting blackberry jam and blueberry bouquet. It is full-bodied, initially a little acidic, mouthwatering and juicy, but does smooth out with some aeration. I really enjoyed its mild oak-infused ripe blackberry flavors with notes of black raspberry and a hint of black cherry. This wine is built for Mr. P’s barbecue ribs and boy was it a perfect match.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
April 9, 2012

Pick of the Crop “Brokenwood may have extended its reach but its strength still lies with the Hunter’s core grapes; Semillon and Shiraz. After a couple of difficult vintages, 2009 provided some respite and produced this impressive sibling to the iconic Graveyard Shiraz. It is a typically savory, earthy Hunter wine from a cooler year with attractive lifted fruit. I suspect this well-bred wine will cellar impressively but it is already a very attractive proposition.”

Windsor Dobbin, The Sunday Examiner Magazine
June 2011