



2017 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD SHIRAZ

Review Summary

BROKENWOOD
AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

99 pts/TOP-RATED SHIRAZ/JAMES HALLIDAY'S TOP 100 OF 2019 "One of Australia's icon wines, the vines 49yo. The decision not to use any new French oak, and to limit the alcohol to 13.5% has resulted in a wine with a unique sense of place. It is also superbly balanced, dark fruits married to superfine tannins, another feature of a classic medium-bodied Hunter shiraz. I'm sure that Maurice O'Shea would approve of these wines."

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
2020

97 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF AUSTRALIA 2019 (#13) "An exceptional and warm vintage has delivered a mighty Graveyard with a super complex nose that offers rich dark plums and berries with a wealth of rich, meaty black olives and assertive tannins. The red-plum flavors thread long through polished, clear-cut tannins. First release since 2014. Complex."

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
December 3, 2019

93+ pts "An icon of the Hunter Valley, Brokenwood's 2017 Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz is a solid vintage for this wine but maybe not among the absolute best. It comes out of the bottle in a reticent funk, wreathed in reductive notes of rubber and tar, then gradually reveals more of its true character in subdued scents of leather, red currants and peppery spice. With no new oak used in its maturation, it's tight and focused on the medium-bodied palate, limned with fine-grained, silky tannins that persist on the lengthy finish. Decant it for air if serving it in the next five years or so, and decant it after that to take it off its sediment."

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020



90 pts “Supple and juicy, with accents of black licorice, tobacco and black pepper to complement the wild berry, plum, mineral and herbal accents. Harmonious on the finish, with dense, strong black tea-like tannins.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
November 15, 2020

89 pts/CELLAR SELECTION “The 2017 was a hot vintage in the Hunter Valley and even though alcohol is restrained, the warmth of the season is still felt in this wine. The nose is initially reductive so decant if drinking now. With air, notes of ripe blueberry, cherry, plum, dried rose and peppery spice make their way out. The palate is powerful yet focused, with taut, spicy, somewhat austere tannins along-side heaps of acidity and chalky texture. There’s a slight bitterness on the finish. This needs more time in bottle to relax its iron grip.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020

PLATINUM MEDAL/BEST IN SHOW Decanter World Wine Awards 2019