

# 2018 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD SHIRAZ

## BROKENWOOD

**WINEMAKER:**

Stuart Horden

**REGION:**

Hunter Valley, New South Wales

**VARIETALS:**

Shiraz

**MATURATION:**

18 months in 100% seasoned French oak

**ANALYSIS:**

13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.7 | pH: 3.31

**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 mostly large format seasoned French oak puncheons and one 3,000L cask.

**TASTING NOTES:** Perfect bright mid density color with purple tints just adding to the appeal. The use of large format French oak allows the red spice and bramble of the Hunter Shiraz fruit to shine. Initial palate is very supple and complete, 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 to make this one of the great Graveyards.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 99 pts/#1 Wine of the Year Halliday Wine Companion, 98 pts /Top 100 JamesSuckling.com

**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.

