

# 2022 BROKENWOOD HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

## BROKENWOOD



**WINEMAKER:** Stuart Hordern  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley, New South Wales  
**VARIETALS:** Semillon  
**MATURATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 11.2% alc/vol | 7.2 g/L TA | 2.90 pH

**BACKGROUND:** Semillon is the traditional, premium white grape of New South Wales' Hunter Valley. This extremely versatile grape variety is typically harvested at a low brix in the Hunter, highlighting its fresh citrus and green apple notes and vibrant acidity. It can be enjoyed young in this style, or with substantial bottle maturation, showing attractive creamed honey and toasty notes when aged for 10 to 20 years.

**WINEMAKING:** A season with many similarities to 2021 but overall of higher quality. Despite La Nina, the Semillon was picked in pristine condition. Harvesting was all done by hand. The fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used for the fermentation in stainless steel and bottled in May. No oak or malolactic fermentation, only stainless steel to retain the crisp acidity.

**TASTING NOTES:** Vibrant in color with a beautiful hints of green. Elicits aromas of lemon grass, lemon basil and pear aromas. Mouth-filling flavors of fresh green lime and pineapple sorbet accentuate a zesty acid backbone. The citrus notes linger on the palate. A wonderfully classic Hunter Valley Semillon to enjoy now or age gracefully.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 93 pts 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. These enthusiastic partners knew little about viticulture, thus the early vintages were a labor of love for them and the family and friends they roped in to help. In spite of this, the distinct reds received praise from the earliest vintages, and in 1982, the company extended its range to include the jewel of the Hunter Valley, Semillon. Nearly 40 years later, Brokenwood is known for producing some of Australia's most long-lived Semillons, and one of the nation's most iconic single vineyard wines, the Graveyard Shiraz, which Australia's leading auction house, Langton's, lists among the top twenty-five in the country.

