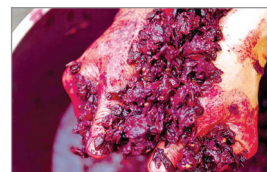


# 2018 BROKENWOOD

## OAKEY CREEK SEMILLON

**BROKENWOOD**  
HUNTER VALLEY



**WINEMAKER:** Iain Riggs  
**REGION:** Hunter Valley, New South Wales  
**VARIETALS:** Semillon  
**MATURATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 11.0% alc/vol | 7.75 g/L TA | 2.88 pH | 2.83 g/L

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Oakey Creek Vineyard's composition provides a combination of free-draining alluvial-over-clay soil, with a gentle easterly facing rise, providing almost perfect growing conditions for Semillon. It has been the backbone for Brokenwood's award-winning Semillons, including the iconic ILR Reserve Semillon.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** In 2018, the Hunter Valley overall enjoyed a stress free vintage. Low rainfall throughout 2017 meant low foliage and early fruit ripening. Picking commenced mid-January with all of the Semillon blocks picked by the end of January, and saw some higher sugars than normal around the Hunter Valley.

**WINEMAKING:** Harvested all by hand, the fruit was then crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used for the fermentation. No oak and no malolactic ferment; only stainless steel used in crafting this wine.

**TASTING NOTES:** Excellent colors, and at 5 years of age, still lots of luminous green tints. Lifted aromas of citrus and lemongrass, with beeswax and a brioche note beginning to develop. Fine acidity gives the wine freshness and drive, with a long Tahitian lime thread on the palate. This is an outstanding mid-term Hunter Valley Semillon which is drinking superbly now and will continue to develop over the next 10 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts The Wine Pilot

**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.

