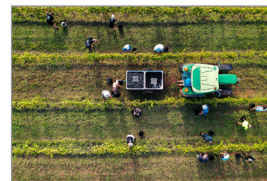


2023 BROKENWOOD

HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

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WINEMAKER: Stuart Hordern
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Semillon
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 11.2% alc/vol | 7.0 g/L TA | 2.92 pH

BACKGROUND: Semillon is the traditional, premium white grape of 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: La Niña brought wet conditions through the first three-quarters of the year, with widespread floods, coming from 2022, the wettest year on record. Thankfully the weather cleared up to provide excellent fruit and canopy despite a cool summer, leading into a late start to harvest in February. All harvesting was done by hand. The fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used for the fermentation in stainless steel. No oak was used, nor is there malolactic fermentation, only stainless steel to retain the crisp acidity.

TASTING NOTES: Vibrant in color, with generous luminous green hues. Lovely floral and apple blossom aromas grace the nose. Mouthfilling flavors of key lime, green apple and lemon zest balance the racy acid backbone. These flavors linger on for quite some time, finishing the quintessential Hunter Valley Semillon to enjoy now or age gracefully.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 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 25 in the country.

