

2017 BROKENWOOD

ILR RESERVE SEMILLON

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WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley, New South Wales
VARIETALS: Semillon
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 7.77 g/L TA | 2.92 pH | 0.93 g/L RS

WINEMAKING: As per the standard Hunter style, the Semillon fruit was hand-picked at low baume with great fruit weight and flavor intensity, alongside brilliant and focused acidity. Harvesting all by hand. The fruit was crushed, chilled and pressed immediately. Neutral yeasts were used for the fermentation which was carried out in stainless steel tanks to preserve the pristine fruit characters and aromatics. The wine was then cold-settled, racked and filtered prior to bottling, without any influence from malolactic fermentation or oak. The use of screw cap seal will ensure freshness and avoid any chance of cork taint or oxidation.

TASTING NOTES: A wine of great poise, and a strong return to form following the challenging 2016, which did not produce an ILR vintage. This is exemplary Semillon. The fruit is sourced from the Trevena Vineyard on Hermitage Road, an important Heritage Vineyard, with vines planted in 1926. Lifted lemon curd and floral notes heading to bees wax, brioche and toast. Lively Tahitian lime juice characters are backed by a superb, zesty acidity. The magic of Hunter Valley Semillon on display with texture, fruit weight and great length from a wine that sees no oak. At 6 years of age on release, the color is just starting to show some development with yellow tints complementing the green edges.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 97 pts/Best in Show Decanter 2023 World Wine Awards, #32/Top 100 Australian Wines of 2023 & 96 pts JamesSuckling.com. 95 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast.

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

