



RESERVE 2013 CREEK BED SEMILLON HUNTER VALLEY

Hunter Valley Semillon is highly regarded and recognised worldwide for its quality, structure and versatile cellaring potential.

Vineyard: Our **Brokenback Vineyard** Semillon is grown on well-drained sandy loam soils located in the heart of Pokolbin, Hunter Valley wine country N.S.W. The vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

Vintage Conditions: The 2013 vintage was a very good year in the Hunter Valley for white wine making. Early rainfall in Spring was followed by warm, dry conditions during ripening and harvest. This produced limited yields of high-quality fruit displaying excellent fruit flavour whilst retaining natural acidity.

Harvest: Date – 24th January: Our Creek Bed Semillon is an isolated parcel from our Brokenback Vineyard and handpicked to minimise skin contact and preserve the fresh, delicate flavours of the variety.

Appearance: Pale straw.

Bouquet: Lifted and fresh lemon blossom bouquet.

Palate: The palate displays an elegant mineral line with refreshing and crisp citrus flavours. The acid structure is vibrant and lively and with bottle age is starting to show glimpses of toast and lanolin. The palate is intensely flavoured yet elegant in style with great line and length.

Cellaring: This wine will reward long-term cellaring up to 10+ years.

Winemaking: After crushing and destemming the must was chilled to 12 degrees.

The free run juice was kept separate from the pressings juice, and then cold settled. Once settled the clear juice was racked and inoculated with a selected white wine yeast and fermented at 12-15 degrees for 15 days. At the completion of the alcoholic fermentation the wine was racked off yeast deposits, stabilised, fined and filtered for bottling in early May 2013.

Alcohol – 11.5%

