

Shiraz

2019

Hunter Valley NSW

Tasting Notes

Lovely mid depth colour with purple tints. Lifted red spice, ginger and earthy notes on the aroma. Ripe fruit and low oak impact on the palate, with the new oak providing a slight vanillin sweetness complimenting the ripe fruit. The ripe fruit tannins are perfect and with the acid give a very long finish to the wine. Typical medium bodied Hunter Valley Shiraz from a very good year that will reward for many years.

Winemakers Comments

Hunter Valley winemakers had the rare joy of 3 consecutive dry vintages when the grapes of 2019 started coming off the vines. The hot vintage of 2018 ended with 100mm of rain in February and then 120mm in March. Our usual dry winter prevailed and then a small amount of Spring/early Summer rain. The temperatures started to rise in late December hitting 39C on 29th signalling a very hot New Year. For January 2019, Brokenwood saw only 3 days under 30C and 19 days over 35C. In a flash back to early February 2017, there was a run of days, 15th to 19th, of over 40C and the month closed out with 43.5C on the 26th.

Needless to say, all our Shiraz was in the winery in great condition by the third week in February and we made great use of the blast chiller. This is the first release of a wonderful collection of 2019 Hunter Valley Shiraz wines from Brokenwood. All are characterised by deep colour and lifted ripe fruit.

Vinification

A combination of static, open and rotary fermenters. A 3 day cold soak followed by a 5 day fermentation, then pressed off, with malolactic fermentation conducted in barrel. The wine then went into 100% French oak made up of 90% puncheons and overall 12% new oak. The Shiraz grapes are sourced from a blend of the younger vines from the Graveyard Vineyard, Mistress Block, Verona and the Tallawanta Vineyards.

Food

Veal, duck and cheese.

Drink

Very enjoyable over the short-medium term, and will reward long term cellaring.



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TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	13.7%
pH	3.39
Acidity	6.2g/L
Residual Sugar	Nil
Closure	Screwcap
Availability	750ml
RRP	A\$50