

BROKENWOOD

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Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz

2019

Hunter Valley NSW

Tasting Notes

— Bright mid density colour with purple hues just adding to the appeal. The use of large format French oak allows the red spice and bramble fruit of Hunter Shiraz to shine. Initial palate is very supple and complete, giving a lovely flow from start to finish. The importance of acidity can never be underestimated as this underpins the structure and carry. An impressive wine, which is a great follow on from the 2018 vintage. Subtle but powerful.

Winemakers Comment

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.

The old vines of Graveyard were harvested in the second week of February in pristine condition. An effortless high quality vintage.

Vinification

Processing started with a 3 day cold soak, then a 5-6 day ferment at 24-26C. The vineyard is on heavy clay soil which gives great fruit concentration with tannin structure and direction. The oak regime for this wine is 100% French, no new oak.

Food

Pairs well with Osso bucco or slow roasted lamb shoulder.

Drink

Will improve with further bottle age.



VARIETY

Shiraz

REGION

Hunter Valley NSW

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.45
Acidity	6.2g/L
Residual Sugar	Nil
Closure	Screwcap
Availability	750ml
RRP	A\$350

AWARDS

Gold Medal - Hunter Valley Wine Show



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