

*2004 Oakey Creek Vineyard Semillon*

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**Brokenwood, Hunter Valley, Oakey Creek Vineyard, Semillon 2004**

Give this just 10 minutes in the glass to blow off a bit of sulfur. Then the toasty character comes on, quite a complex wine with nuttiness and a bit of spicy flowers.

In the mouth it has rounded out, taking on a richness without the thickness of ML. That said, the nerve and spine of acidity adds freshness.

I realize that this is not Burgundy or the same grapes but the analogy is certainly there to the complexity that develops in the white wines of Burgundy, where time and patience can grant a beautiful experience to those who wait.

The Hunter is famous for producing wines like this from early picked Semillon that blossom with bottle age.

The fruit was crushed and pressed immediately, then fermented in stainless; not a hint of oak or ML in the production. It is bottled under screw cap for added safety. This is the first release of a Semillon from Brokenwood that was aged under a screw cap closure.

Produced and bottled in Pokolbin 11.5% \$32 suggested retail.