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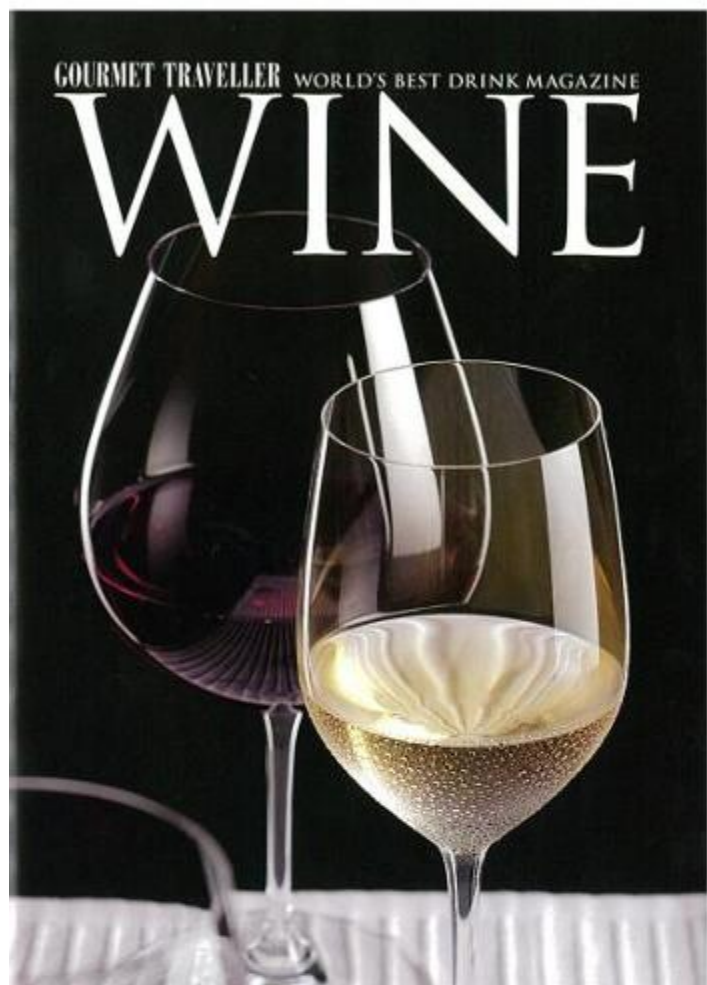
2003 Brokenwood ILR Semillon

2006 Brokenwood Indigo Vineyard Chardonnay


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TWO LEGENDS
Left: Iain Riggs on the Brokenwood property.
Below: Len Evans, an inspiration to so many.



Iain Riggs, Brokenwood

For a not overly tall man Len Evans cast a very big shadow and few know that better than Iain Riggs. As chief winemaker at Brokenwood, Riggs was well aware that although Evan's influence spread across the entire Australian wine scene it was particularly keenly felt in the Hunter Valley that he called home.

As a senior judge at the Sydney Royal Wine Show, which Evans chaired for years, Riggs saw first-hand how Evans' dedication to the uniquely Australian wine show system helped create an industry that would wow the world. Now as Chairman of the Wine Show and a trustee of the annual Len Evans Tutorial, Riggs helps to ensure Evans' inspirational legacy lives on.

"He could dissect a wine like no one I've ever seen," says Riggs. "He had the greatest palate I've ever encountered and an ability to pull a wine apart in his head, assess its major components and put it back together, knowing just what was right and wrong with it."

Riggs has done more than anyone to ensure that kind of exploration of great wines remains a strong force in the Hunter Valley. He's at the hub of many of the Hunter's most dedicated tasting groups and has vigorously encouraged a younger generation of the Valley's winemakers to taste as widely as they can.

And his 27-year tenure at Brokenwood has seen the place turn into a de-facto winemaking academy with the likes of Wirra Wirra's Samantha Connew, Shadowfax's Matt Harrop and Sarah-Kate Dineen at Maude in Central Otago all having benefited from working alongside the unassuming Riggs.

Evans would be pleased to know he's left the Hunter Valley in very capable hands.



HUNTER VALLEY
LOCATED: Two hours north of Sydney, New South Wales.
VINEYARD AREA: Approx. 4300 hectares.
KEY VARIETIES: Semillon, shiraz, chardonnay.
OTHER REGIONAL NAMES TO LOOK FOR: McWilliams, Krinklewood, Margan, Tulloch.

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