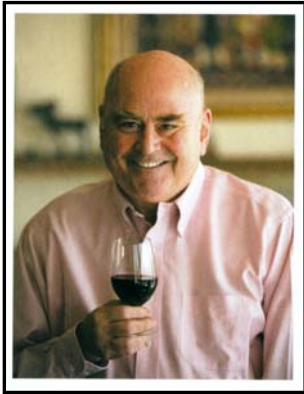


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#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Respected wine critic and vigneron James Halliday has a career that spans over forty years, but he is most widely known for his witty and informative writing about wine. As one of the founders of **Brokenwood** in the Lower Hunter Valley, NSW and thereafter founder of Coldstream Hills in the Yarra Valley, Victoria, James is an unmatched authority on every aspect of the wine industry, from the planting and pruning of vines through to the creation and marketing of the finished product. His winemaking has led him to sojourns in Bordeaux and Burgundy, and he is constantly in demand as a wine judge in Australia and overseas.



**Outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity. Will have at least two wines rated at 94 points or above and have had a five-star rating for the previous two years.**

#### **BROKENWOOD**

**Winemaker** Iain Riggs, PJ Charteris **Est.** 1970 **Cases** 100 000 **Vyds** 12.51ha

Deservedly fashionable winery producing consistently excellent wines. Has kept Graveyard Shiraz as its ultimate flagship wine, while extending its reach through many of the best eastern regions for its broad selection of varietal wine styles. Its big-selling Hunter Semillon remains alongside Graveyard, and there is then a range of wines coming from regions including Orange, Central Ranges, Beechworth, McLaren Vale, Cowra and else where. The two-storey Albert room tasting facility (named in honour of the late Tony Albert, one of the founders) was opened in 2006. Exports to all major markets.

#### **SEMILLON**

Little needs to be said, except to repeat Bruce Tyrrell's comment on the impact of screwcaps; 'Hunter Valley Semillon is entering a golden age'.

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94 - 100

**Outstanding.** Wines of the highest quality, usually with a distinguished pedigree.



### HBA Hunter Valley McLaren Vale Shiraz 1998

Not released until 10 years old, this 50/50 Hunter/McLaren blend was intended to mirror some of the great regional blends of the 1940s, '50s and early '60s, and succeeds admirably. It has quite brilliant texture and structure, and exceptional line and length. Now nearing its plateau of perfection, cork permitting, it could easily live for another 20 years. 15% alc.

**Rating:** 97 points

**To:** 2038

**RRP:** A\$200



### ILR Reserve Semillon 2003

Still pale, but bright colour, with green tints; a wine of extreme finesse, magically combining freshness and delicacy with clear varietal expression ranging from nuances of honey and toast through to bright citrus, grass and mineral notes. Screwcap. 11% alc.

**Rating:** 96 points

**To:** 2023

**RRP:** A\$45



### Graveyard Vineyard Hunter Valley Shiraz 2006

Strong purple-crimson; has every bit of the intensity and structure expected of this wine, with a mix of red cherry, blackberry, French oak and a lilting finish thanks to spot-on acidity. Screwcap. 13.5% alc.

**Rating:** 96 points

**To:** 2025

**RRP:** A\$150



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### **ILR Reserve Semillon 2004**

The bouquet has that slightly toasty aroma that leads the uninitiated to conclude (wrongly) that the wine has seen oak, but the palate is still vibrantly fresh, crisp and focused. Release Oct '09, and will live for another 10 years minimum Screwcap. 10.1% alc.

**Rating:** 95 points

**To:** 2019

**RRP:** A\$45



### **Hunter Valley Semillon 2008**

Crisp, fresh, zesty aromas and flavours, gaining velocity on the back-palate and finish, with notes of lemon/lemon rind; lingering aftertaste. Screwcap. 10% alc.

**Rating:** 94 points

**To:** 2017

**RRP:** A\$20



### **Hunter Valley Shiraz 2007**

A classy little brother to Graveyard Shiraz, with the same vineyard origin; has great balance, texture and structure, with an interplay between blackberry, sweet leather and earth. Screwcap. 13.5% alc.

**Rating:** 94 points

**To:** 2020

**RRP:** A\$40



90 - 93

**Highly Recommended.** Wines of great quality, style and character, worthy of a place in any cellar.



### Wade Block 2 Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006

Shows more development than the Graveyard, presumably higher pH from much higher alcohol. The palate is trenchantly regional, with dark chocolate and luscious confit plum. Screwcap. 15% alc.

**Rating:** 93 points

**To:** 2016

**RRP:** A\$45



### McLaren Vale Sangiovese 2007

As one might expect, a very well made wine, with the accent on the cherry/sour cherry fruit rather than the tannins; a few years will see it fully blossom. Screwcap. 14.5% alc.

**Rating:** 93 points

**To:** 2014

**RRP:** A\$30



### Indigo Vineyard Beechworth Viognier 2006

Moderately expressed varietal character (pear and citrus) in a fresh, crisp wine (with good mouthfeel), deserving the back label injunction to match it with sea-food and sunshine. Screwcap. 14% alc.

**Rating:** 90 points

**To:** 2011

**RRP:** A\$30



87 - 89

**Recommended.** Wines of above-average quality, fault-free, and with clear varietal expression.



### **Cricket Pitch Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2008**

An easily assimilated style; the fruit aromas and flavours generous and balanced, barrel fermentation of a portion adding texture; the overall feel good. Screwcap. 12.5% alc.

**Rating:** 89 points

**To:** 2011

**RRP:** A\$19



### **Beechworth Pinot Gris 2008**

Pear, apple and stone fruit aromas and flavours have been preserved but not embroidered; is crisp, dry and has good length. Screwcap 13.5% alc.

**Rating:** 89 points

**To:** 2012

**RRP:** A\$25