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2009 Brokenwood Forest Edge Vineyard Chardonnay

Variety: Chardonnay
Region: Orange - NSW

Winemakers Comments:

The Orange district is widely recognized as one of Australia's premium cool climate regions. Rob Crawford established the "Forest Edge" vineyard in 1988. Vintage 2009 is Brokenwood's tenth year of handling fruit from Forest Edge.

The hot dry conditions of 2009 meant lower than desired foliage and subsequently quite coloured bunches.

Vinification:

Whole bunch pressing, wild ferments in new French oak have come together in spectacular fashion. The wine was fermented in 80% new French oak and 20% one year old, from a variety of cooperages.

Tasting Notes:

The colour reflects the year being slightly deeper yellow plus green tints. Wild ferment characters and char oak combine to give a very complex start. Tropical fruit, mango and lime aromas give a strong fruit background. Rich flavours and textured palate. Up front 'bran-meal' and tropical fruit. The former from 10 months on lees. It is a comment on the fruit that the oak provides background to the fruit adding cashew and char flavours. Good glycerol weight that gives richness.

An impressive Single Vineyard chardonnay made with a definitive hands-off approach to winemaking. Will improve but mainly over the short to medium term.

Food:

Seafood and veal.

Technical Data:

Alcohol 13.5%
pH 3.52
Acidity 7.38g/L
Residual Sugar 1.0g/L

Availability: 750ml
RRP: A\$30.00

Our wines are now sealed with screw cap to guarantee quality and consistency.

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