



PEPPER TREE

ALLUVIUS

RESERVE

2009 HUNTER VALLEY SEMILLON

Pure Semillon fruit aromas of lemongrass and lime articulate this classic Hunter Semillon. The palate is intense yet elegant, displaying mineral texture with great line and length. A wine of great drive, coupled with extraordinary finesse. Enjoy now or confidently cellar for the next 10-20 years.

Winemaker Jim Chatto

VINTAGE

Our Hunter harvest started in earnest with our Chardonnay. Despite the hot conditions, post Christmas, we picked the first grapes on the 28th January, four days later than last year.

This year we picked 4 different parcels of Semillon. From these we made the Single Vineyard, Grand Reserve and specially blended Limited Release Semillon. 2009 is a fantastic year for Hunter Semillon, the conditions being perfect for great fruit intensity whilst maintaining elegance and length of flavour - real keepers!

VINEYARD

Our Alluvius Semillon comes from the Braemore vineyard on Hermitage Road in the lower Hunter Valley. This famous vineyard, under the charge of Ken Bray, was planted in the late 60's and consistently produces benchmark Hunter Semillon. The well drained, 'alluvial' soils lead to a unique expression of what is considered to be Australia's greatest white wine style.

APPELLATION/ GI

Hunter Valley (New South Wales) 100%

WINEMAKING

Bottled early to retain freshness and vitality of the primary fruit flavours.

AWARDS

-  **Gold** (Class 4) - 2013 Sydney Royal Wine Show
-  **Silver** (Class 27) - Hunter Valley Wine Show 2013
-  **Silver** (Class 1A) - International Wine & Spirits Competition 2013
-  **Top Gold** (Class 4) - 2009 Hunter Valley Wine Show
-  **Silver** (Class 5) - 2009 Cowra Wine Show
-  **Silver** (Class 32) - 2011 Clear Image Hunter Valley Wine Show
-  **Bronze** (Class 3) - 2009 Queensland Show
-  **Bronze** (Class 4) - 2009 Riverina Wine Show
-  **Bronze** (Class 104) - 2009 Rutherglen Show
-  **Bronze** (Class 3) - 2009 New Zealand Show

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Semillon (100%)
BOTTLING DATE:	05/2009
PH:	3.05
TA:	6.8 g/l
ALC/VOL:	10.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	6.2



JAMES HALLIDAY - 96 POINTS

2021 AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION

It's a mature wine of power and precision. It offers texture, weight of flavour and quite gorgeous length. While complex, it has the energy and momentum to simply carry you along with it.

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2014 AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION

Has also left the station on the first stage of its train ride to maturity, the lime and lemongrass flavours intensifying. Retains the 96 points given when first tasted on September 2009. Drink to 2024.

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