

# Benwarin



HUNTER VALLEY

## 2005 Sangiovese

**Variety:** Sangiovese

**Region:** Hunter Valley

### The Grapes

Estate grown on the Benwarin vineyard at Mistletoe Lane, Pokolbin. The yield was kept low by hand pruning, shoot and bunch thinning.

### Winemaking

The fruit was crushed, then chilled and cold soaked for 24 hours. It was fermented on the skins in open vat fermenters at 18 – 25C for 7 days with the juice being pumped over the skins every 6 hours. It was matured in a mix of new and used French and American oak barrels for 18 months before blending, fining and bottling.

Closure: Stelvin screw cap.

### Analysis

Alcohol: 14% Acidity: 7.1 g/L pH: 3.44 Residual sugar: 0.8 g/L

### Tasting Notes

Medium Claret in colour. On the nose there are rose petals and chocolate with complex spice notes. It is a medium bodied wine with sweet fruit and spice balanced by a long finish

### Medals and Reviews

Silver Medal – Small Vigneron Awards 2007

Silver Medal – NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show 2006

#### Jeremy Oliver – Gourmet Traveller Wine – April 2008

*Sangiovese might ultimately make a name for itself in the Hunter, a region suited to spice, medium-weight dry red wines of perfume and structure. Earthy, dark and meaty, it has a leathery bouquet that already shows plenty of evolution. There's more fruit evident on the slightly sour-edged palate, its spicy, plum-like flavour knitting neatly with quite a phenolic, powdery extract. It finishes with shape and length, and with the refreshing acidity so characteristic of the variety.*

#### James Halliday – Australian Wine Companion 2008

*Many flavours are held within a savoury and tannin net. Rating 88.*

#### Winewise Magazine – August 2007 – Small Vigneron Awards

*Shows some good varietal cherry fruit and typical savoury tannins, but the dominant oak held it back from a gold medal. SILVER MEDAL (best in class).*



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