

SEMILLON

Semillon - low alcohol, crisp clean, excellent consumed young with fresh seafood - ages gracefully into a honeyed beauty. Why aren't we buying it by the tankful?

Winemaker Andrew Thomas, with his own label, and contract work for McLeish Estate, Pokolbin Estate and Warraroong Estate, dominated this section.

2008

Highly Recommended

2008 Warraroong Estate Semillon A very clean, elegant semillon in the classic Hunter style, showing citrus characteristics and racy acidity. (\$25.00) **GOLD**
10.4% Screwcap

2008 McLeish Estate Semillon This is a reserved style with hints of straw and citrus, backed by clean lemony acidity. Definitely has a future. (\$25.00) **GOLD**
9.8% Screwcap

Recommended

2008 Sorby Adams Pemberton Manjimup Semillon Sauvignon Blanc A fuller style which is faintly tropical, with marginal sweetness. Very fresh and lively. Obviously this wine is less than 15.0% sauvignon blanc. (\$16.00) **SILVER**
14.0% Screwcap

2008 Pokolbin Estate Ken Bray Semillon Lime-juicy, with perhaps the faintest hint of residual sugar. The palate is beautifully balanced by lingering acidity. (\$32.00) **SILVER**
9.2% Screwcap

2007

Outstanding

2007 Thomas Wines Braemore Semillon A classic young linear semillon with a backbone of acidity, and a faintly soapy nose which is encountered in some of the greats. Cellar with confidence. (\$25.00) *Excellent Value* **GOLD**
11.0% Screwcap

Highly Recommended

2007 Mistletoe Reserve Semillon Faint lemon nougat overtones add to the nose of this lively, well balanced semillon. The clear-cut varietal flavour persists on a long palate. (\$22.00) *Excellent Value* **GOLD**
10.0% Screwcap

2007 Pokolbin Estate Hunter Semillon Limey and long, with an excellent spine of acidity. Has good weight of flavour and should develop beautifully over the next 3-5 years. (\$25.00) **GOLD**
12.0% Screwcap

2007 Warraroong Estate Semillon Has plenty of regional and varietal character. The lemony fruit is slightly forward, but this wine will improve for at least a couple of years. (\$24.00) **SILVER**
11.8% Screwcap

Recommended

2007 Somerset Hill Semillon Big and full flavoured, with both tropical and grassy overtones. A suggestion of alcohol heat held it back slightly, but if you're after mouth-filling semillon, this is it. (\$19.00) **SILVER**
13.0% Screwcap

2007 Capercaillie Hunter Valley Semillon A good example of the linear, mineral style. As expected of Capercaillie, the acidity is racy and the flavour pure. The subdued nose probably cost it a higher score, but this wine will cellar well. (\$25.00) **SILVER**
11.0% Screwcap

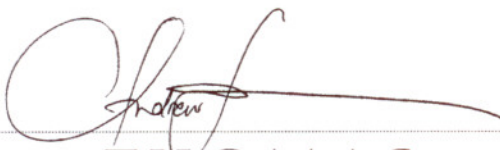
2007 McLeish Estate Semillon This is a lively, zesty semillon with well defined, if reserved, varietal characteristics. Needs time. (\$25.00) **SILVER**
11.8% Screwcap

2007 Burge Family Winemakers Olive Hill Semillon An entirely different style to anything else reviewed here. The colour has hints of gold and the nose and palate are rich, with faintly tropical overtones. The creaminess of the palate is a winner. (\$22.00) **BRONZE**
Screwcap

2006 & OLDER

*Braemore Semillon 2006
Individual Vineyard
Hunter Valley*

750 ML



THOMAS

Specialising in semillon and shiraz, Thomas Wines source fruit from some of the Hunter Valley's most distinguished sites, producing world class, uniquely regional wine styles. The Braemore vineyard, situated on the sandy alluvial flats of Hermitage Road, consistently produces outstanding semillon featuring freshness, vibrancy and remarkable longevity. This is a traditional Hunter Valley style exhibiting delicate lemon and lime fruit characters intermingled with an attractive grassy complexity, and is supported by a zesty, citrus-like acidity providing a pleasing purity and freshness to the finish.

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11.0% ALC/VOL APPROX 6.5 STANDARD DRINKS CONTAINS SULPHITES
THIS WINE HAS BEEN FINED USING MILK PRODUCTS AND TRACES MAY REMAIN
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Outstanding

2006 Thomas Wines Braemore Semillon
Young Hunter semillons don't get much better than this. The luminous colour in a two year old semillon is the first indicator of exceptional quality. The fruit characteristics are more lime than lemon. (\$N/A) **GOLD & Trophy**
This wine will be released at a later date.
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10.4% Screwcap

2004 Thomas Wines Braemore Semillon
Brilliant green-tinged colour. This wine is only just beginning to develop, but it's on the way to being a classic - long, fine and steely. The judgment call between it and the superb '06 was a difficult one to make. (\$N/A) **GOLD**
This wine will be released at a later date.
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11.0% Screwcap

Highly Recommended

2002 Warraroong Estate Semillon Shows some toasty development and a suggestion of cork-wood, but the fruit is intense and long, leading into a fresh finish. A classy wine that will show some variation under cork i.e. some bottles will be even better than this one. (\$30.00) **GOLD**
10.8% Cork

2006 Roche Premium Semillon A fine lemon-zesty style with faint hints of nougat and toast. This wine has a classic regional palate and will develop beautifully. (\$30.00) **GOLD**
10.5% Screwcap

2005 Warraroong Estate Semillon
Relatively full flavoured, but has excellent acidity which extends the palate and provides balance. Beginning to drink well, but will improve for at least the next couple of years. (\$40.00) **GOLD**
11.3% Screwcap

1999 Pokolbin Estate Hunter Semillon Rich and developed, showing honey and straw characteristics. Again, cork variation is likely to be a player here. (\$50.00) **SILVER**
10.5% Cork

2006 Mt View Estate Reserve Semillon
Lemony and faintly waxy characteristics highlight a very fresh nose and the palate is long and pleasantly flinty. (\$19.00) **SILVER**
10.3% Screwcap

2001 Coolangatta Estate Semillon Still comparatively lean and zesty, with a commendable lemony freshness. (\$35.00) **SILVER**
10.4% Cork

2006 Coolangatta Estate Semillon A clean, limey style with a long, fresh palate. Quite fine and steely. Very well made. (\$25.00) **SILVER**
10.5% Screwcap

Recommended

2006 Pokolbin Estate Phil Swannell Semillon This is a very attractive semillon that is filling out and showing the first signs of toasty development. Drinking well, but will continue to improve. (\$25.00) **SILVER**
10.5% Screwcap

Once again the semillons proved to be the strongest classes with excellent wines spread over nine vintages.