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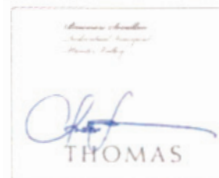
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Region: Lower Hunter Valley Winemakers: Andrew Thomas. Chief Executive: Andrew Thomas

Andrew Thomas is changing the concept of Hunter wine. He cut his teeth making a decade of first-class red for Tyrrell's. The fruit for the elegant, savoury and fine-grained the 'Kiss' Shiraz comes from the Pokolbin Estate Vineyard, which is planted on tough loamy clay soils. It's cropped low, matured in new and one year old French oak barriques for 18 months and released in tiny volumes. The Braemore Semillon introduces a new, modern and mineral spin to a classic Hunter theme.

BRAEMORE SEMILLON



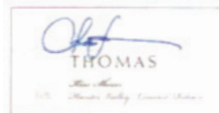
Lower Hunter Valley
Current vintage: 2007

\$22-\$29
95

2007	95	2015	2019
2006	94	2011	2014+
2005	95	2017	2025
2004	92	2009	2012+

Unusually aromatic, with an almost pungent aroma of melon, citrus, lemongrass and dried flowers, backed by herbs and minerals. Initially round and juicy, it's mouthfilling and citrusy flavours extend long down its taut and focused palate, finishing with lingering, crystalline flavours of lime juice and bracing acidity. Beautifully balanced, this wine should cellar superbly.

KISS SHIRAZ



Lower Hunter Valley
Current vintage: 2006

\$30-\$49
94

2006	94	2014	2018
2005	95	2013	2017
2004	96	2012	2016+
2003	95	2011	2015+

Long, fine-grained and mineral, a classically weighted Hunter shiraz of moderate richness, whose sour-edged blackberry, cassis, redcurrant and raspberry-like flavour reveals a hint of graphite and pepper. It's sweet-fruited and spicy, with undertones of cinnamon, nutmeg and sweet cedar/chocolate oak, finishing long, savoury and meaty, with just the faintest hint of currant, over a silky-smooth chassis of fine tannin.

2007 Braemore Semillon scored 95/100 and was voted in Jeremy's Top Ten Dry Semillons.

2007 The O.C. Semillon scored 93/100 and was voted in Jeremy's Best Australian Wines \$20 and under.