

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMILLON

We do semillon well in Australia. In fact, we're indisputably number one globally. All of the wines in this tasting are in their respective drinking windows, but unfortunately several aren't readily available. Nevertheless we recommend that you focus on the ★★★★★ and ★★★★★☆ producers. You won't be disappointed.

Medallion Winner 2013 Two Rivers Stones Throw Hunter Valley Semillon A vibrant semillon that's "light on its feet" as one judge put it. The nose shows hints of lemon grass and the long, linear palate finishes acid-fresh. Still very youthful, given its six years in bottle. (Not available) ★★★★★

2014 Two Rivers Stones Throw Hunter Valley Semillon The nose is very fresh and subtle, with hints of lemon and beeswax. A lithe semillon with a long aftertaste and excellent acid balance. (Not available) ★★★★★☆

2014 Tyrrell's Vat 1 Hunter Valley Semillon There's no shortage of varietal aroma and flavour. It's packed with lemony goodness backed up by just-right acidity. It's beginning to drink very well indeed. (\$92.00) ★★★★★☆

<http://www.princewinestore.com.au/shop/index.php/category-list/liquor/white-wine/tyrrells-vat-1-semillon-2014-709476.html>

2013 Thomas Wines Cellar Reserve Braemore Hunter Valley Semillon A fresh and lively semillon of considerable elegance. It's still in its youthful phase, about to fill out and offer some toasty mature flavour. (Not available) ★★★★★☆

Medallion Winner 2018 Two Rivers Stones Throw Hunter Valley Semillon Comparatively "tight" for the 2018 vintage and commendably fresh, with faintly floral notes. The palate leans to lemon-lime and acidity livens the finish. (\$20.00) ★★★★★☆
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2014 Tyrrell's Stevens Hunter Valley Semillon This one is beginning to drink very well. The rich flavour carries hints of honey and the acid support is spot-on. (Not yet available) ★★★★★☆

2014 Tyrrell's Belford Hunter Valley Semillon A powerful, full flavoured semillon with excellent balance. It's beginning to drink well. (Not yet available) ★★★★★☆

2014 Tyrrell's HVD Hunter Valley Semillon Of the Tyrrell's 2014s, the HVD showed the most obvious acidity, but again, the fruit of 2014 could not be denied. The balance is good, and a couple more years in bottle will do no harm. (Not yet available) ★★★★★☆

2012 Peter Lehmann Margaret Barossa Valley Semillon This semillon is quite honeyed, but it's in good form and is drinking well. ★★★★★

2017 Peter Lehmann Margaret Barossa Valley Semillon Already showing some toasty and lemon curd notes, but is very fresh. Good drinking. ★★★★★

2009 Meerea Park Alexander Munro Hunter Valley Semillon Big, rich and mature. Still drinking well, but has peaked. ★★★★★

2013 Brokenwood Stanleigh Park Vineyard Hunter Valley Semillon Quite forward. Has plenty of flavour but doesn't have the freshness of the other 2013s. ★★★★☆



RATING SCALE

★★★★★	Outstanding	97-100 pts	Gold medal
★★★★☆	Highly Recommended	93-96	Gold/silver
★★★★	Recommended	90-92	Silver
★★★☆☆	Recommended	87-89	Bronze
★★★	Agreeable	85-87	Bronze
★★☆	Agreeable	82-84	
★★	Acceptable	80-82	
★☆	Acceptable	77-79	
★	Barely Acceptable	74-76	
☆	Unacceptable	71-73	
No stars	Undrinkable	<71	

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