

TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2009 Viognier

I have always been intrigued by the wonderfully fragrant wines of Condrieu. This historic appellation may be no larger than a postage stamp, but various cuvée's from André Perret, Georges Vernay & Marcel Guigal are some of the greatest white wines I have tasted. Ever since planting Viognier in the Descendant vineyard I have wanted to make a wine with similar distinction and purity. With a vibrant lemon hue and beautiful freshness the exotic aromatics of orange blossom, white peaches, jasmine flowers and smoke are tell tale signs of what lies beneath. Full bodied with a silken texture and formidable length, the rich, opulent palate offers white truffles, ripe peaches, currants and fresh cream; All of which are neatly bound by the wines underlying minerality and mouth watering acidity.

> "Only in exceptional vintages will we have the opportunity to produce a Viognier that's displays distinctive varietal characteristics from the Descendant Vineyard. This wine was naturally fermented and aged for 8 months in 100% new French oak barriques."

David Powell

VARIETAL: 100% Viognier

VINEYARD: 5 Rows planted in the Descendant Vineyard - 1994

SUB REGION: Marananga - (Roennfeldt Road)

FERMENTATION:

This small batch was vinified with the same minimalistic approach that we have used for the '*RunRig*' Viognier over the last 10 years. After hand picking at sunrise the fruit was basket-pressed at our adjacent 120 year old milk shed-turned-winery. This enabled the juice to stay very cool and be gravity fed directly to three new French barriques. The juice underwent a slow natural fermentation on its lees and was only racked once prior to bottling the following December.