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BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2013 The Growers' Cut

*The Growers' cut is a special release, cellar door only wine, that pays homage each year to a selected grower whose particular vineyard has best exemplified the season or produced an extraordinary parcel of wine. The grapes produced each year for this wine will be one of the traditional Torbreck and Barossa varieties of Grenache, Shiraz or Mataro.*

*The inaugural release and first recipient of this award is the Helbig Family and in particular their 2013 Block 2 Shiraz. The Helbig's have been supplying Torbreck with fruit since 1996, with Don Helbig being involved in the region and the grape growing community his whole life. The Helbig's are intuitive growers, they know pretty much everything about their vineyard down to the last vine. As a consequence their grapes have a 'completeness' to them, not too much of anything in particular, just wonderful balance which means in great years they can be singled out for their qualities.*

VARIETAL: 100% Shiraz  
REGION: Marananga; Single Vineyard – Helbig Block 2  
VINES: Planted in 2003 – 1654 rootstock  
HARVEST: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013  
pH: 3.85  
TA: 5.66g/L  
ALCOHOL: 15%  
VINIFICATION: Fruit taken from the Helbig family's Marananga Block 2 Shiraz is hand-harvested and immediately transferred to the winery where it is de-stemmed into open top concrete fermenters. It was inoculated with EC1118 yeast after 24 hours and spends 6-7 days fermenting on skins before being basket pressed. Afterwards, the wine is transferred to well-seasoned French oak barriques for 18 months to complete maturation. 2013 The Growers' Cut was bottled without the use of either fining or filtration on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014.