

## THE PICT 2017



# TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY



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MATARO (OR MOURVÉDRE AS IT IS CALLED IN FRANCE) WAS ONCE A 'WORKHORSE VARIETY' USED FOR FORTIFIED WINEMAKING IN AUSTRALIA, BUT IS NOW RECEIVING DUE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS A SUPERB VARIETAL TABLE WINE, TAKING ITS PLACE ALONGSIDE BAROSSA SHIRAZ AND GRENACHE.

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A remnant quarry is the source of this single vineyard from which the fruit exhibits a wild, rugged aroma that is reminiscent of the earthy Mataros from the Bandol region of France.

Torbreck is the name of a forest near Inverness, Scotland and you'll find more than a passing nod to the Celts in our wine naming conventions. The Picts were a late Iron Age Early Medieval tribe that settled eastern and northern Scotland.

### VINTAGE

After a cold and rainy winter in 2016, the Barossa had one of its wettest springs on record, replenishing sub-soil moisture and setting the vineyards up for a healthy summer. Mild conditions during veraison and light rains in January and February 2017, were followed by an extended warm, dry Indian summer, creating perfect ripening conditions through to April 2017. An outstanding vintage producing bright, aromatic whites and intense, well-structured reds.

### TASTING

A brooding and muscular black fruit accented Mataro known for its complexities of mineral, ironstone, blood and gamey notes balanced by liquorice and dark black plums. A wine that is loved by the sommelier community for its deceptive weight and freshness balanced by savoury earthy notes.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Mataro
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Northern Greenock, Materne 'Quarry Block' Vineyard planted 1927
<b>SUB-REGIONS:</b>	Greenock
<b>HARVEST:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
<b>MATURATION:</b>	24 months French barrique (50% new)
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.57 Acidity 5.76g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Almost black when young
<b>AROMA:</b>	black plums, earth, game meats, liquorice and blood.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Firm tannins, plush dense mid palate texture with lots of brooding black fruits and savoury complexities
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 to 15 years

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