

2016 KYLOE MATARO

WINEMAKER'S DIARY

VARIETIES

100% Mataro

DISTRICT

Marananga, Kalimna,
Dorrien, Greenock

HARVEST

24 March to
12 April, 2016

pH

3.64

ACIDITY

5.79g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

VINIFICATION

Individual blocks were picked in different stages to ensure perfect ripeness. Each parcel was de-stemmed separately into both wooden and concrete open top fermenters where the juice was gently pumped over the skins twice a day for 7 to 10 days. After basket pressing the wine was transferred to tank where it naturally settled and was later racked into older French oak Hogheads. Following 12 months maturation the wine was assembled and bottled in July 2017 without the use of fining or filtration.

All Torbreck wines rely on great terroir and great viticulture, but the third and equally significant quality factor is the time when the fruit leaves the vineyard – the picking date.

This is particularly true for Mataro, where patience is required to ensure physiological and flavour ripeness is achieved, regardless of the sugar levels in the fruit.

This restraint is rewarded with dense, wild and completely rounded wines made from fruit that has reached the optimum stage of flavour development. The climate in the Barossa Valley is perfectly suited to achieving this level of ripeness and is a place where we truly believe some of the best Mataro wines in the world can be made.

Torbreck is the name of a forest near Inverness, Scotland. You'll find more than a passing nod to the Celts in our wine naming conventions including this reference to the wild and hardy Kyloe or Highland cow.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Despite a dry winter, rains in January and March, 2016 freshened the older vines and provided long, slow ripening periods in between, which led to a stand-out vintage with high quality fruit.

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of dense wild black berries, lavender, black olive and cured meats are enhanced with a complex array of leather, clove and wild game characters. At the heart of this wine is a soft plump cherry fruit core with a freshness and vivacity that gives the wine focus, line and purity. While offering immense pleasure in its youth, the 2016 Kyloe Mataro will certainly develop into an impressive wine with a few more years in the cellar.

