

RUNRIG
2016



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE RUNRIG HAS OFTEN DRAWN COMPARISON WITH THE BEAUTIFULLY FRAGRANT AND TAUTLY STRUCTURED WINES PRODUCED FROM THE STEEP SLOPES OF THE NORTHERN RHÔNE VALLEY'S APPELLATION OF CÔTE RÔTIE

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The Highland clans used a 'RunRig' system to distribute land amongst their clansmen in a series of widely dispersed holdings. The emphasis was not on any one farm but rather the communal element of the whole. Shiraz from old dry grown vineyards is blended with Viognier, complementing the strengths and complexities of these individual parcels of fruit, whilst giving the resulting wine a further dimension.

VARIETY:	98% Shiraz, 2% Viognier
VINEYARDS:	6 Vineyards, assemblage
SUB-REGIONS:	Lyndoch, Rowland Flat, Moppa, Ebenezer, Light Pass
HARVEST:	18th February through to 23 rd March 2016
MATURATION:	30 months on new (50%), second fill and third fill French oak barriques, completing a natural malolactic fermentation in barrel and resting on fine lees throughout maturation to enhance texture
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.69 Acidity 6.04g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson and deep purple hues
AROMA:	Cherry plum, dark chocolate, mulberry and five-spice with savoury tones
PALATE:	Full bodied, firm tannins that interplay with a generous, silky, textural midpalate weight. The finish is firm and persistent
CELLAR:	15 to 20 years

VINTAGE

Despite a dry winter during 2015, 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

Intense, lifted aromatics of dense blueberries and blackberries dark chocolate all come to the fore with an opulent profile of mulberry plum and five-spice. A plush and velvety textured palate of red cherry and stone fruits, clove all interwoven with hints of dark chocolate. The complex layers and fruit characters continue to evolve in the glass with hints of ironstone, anise, blackberry and pepper all becoming more persistent in the finish. This densely textured Run Rig will certainly reward those with patience.