

HILLSIDE VINEYARD GRENACHE 2017



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



“

GRAPES GROWN AT OUR HISTORIC HILLSIDE PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERLY BAROSSA SUB-REGION OF LYNDOCH, ARE TYPIFIED BY LIFTED AROMATICS AND FINE TANNINS, PROVIDING US EACH YEAR WITH EXCEPTIONAL FRAGRANCE, RICHNESS AND TEXTURE

”

This exceptional single vineyard Grenache comes from the most southerly owned Torbreck vineyard in the Barossa Valley, The Hillside Vineyard located just north of the township of Lyndoch on the gentle westerly facing high slopes. The soil composition comprises of mostly dark red clay scattered with shale, quartzite and ironstone. These dry grown bush vines are always low yielding and consistently produce outstanding fruit.

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

This unique parcel has all the bright, opulent fruit characteristics that we look for in dry grown Grenache combined with lavender, deep black berry fruit intensity and a seamless tannin profile due to a partial whole-bunch fermentation. The rich, luxuriant fruit was further enhanced by barrel maturation in a second fill 2400 litre 'Boutes' French oak foudre barrel, which perfectly balances the wine style we were looking to achieve.

VARIETY:	100% Grenache
VINEYARD:	Hillside Vineyard Grenache block planted in 1949
SUB-REGION:	Lyndoch
HARVEST:	26 April 2017
MATURATION:	15 months in a second fill 2400L 'Boutes' French oak foudre
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.55 Acidity 6.08g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson with deep purple core
AROMA:	Liquorice and aniseed, deep red and black fruits - pomegranate and blackberry. Hints of earth and clove
PALATE:	Medium to full-bodied, plush, round palate weight with firm tannin grip
CELLAR:	7 to 10 years
