

THE PICT 2018



TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY



“ 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. ”

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

An above average winter rainfall led into a below average spring and summer rainfall, producing small bunches and small berries, leading to a reduced yield. Quality was certainly high, particular amongst our red varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro. 2018 wines will be remembered for their impressive colour, structure and longevity

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.

VARIETY:	100% Mataro
VINEYARDS:	Northern Greenock, Materne 'Quarry Block' Vineyard planted 1927
SUB-REGIONS:	Greenock
HARVEST:	23 rd April 2018
MATURATION:	24 months French barrique (50% new)
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.56 Acidity 5.91/L
COLOUR:	Almost black when young
AROMA:	black plums, earth, game meats, liquorice and blood.
PALATE:	Firm tannins, plush dense mid palate texture with lots of brooding black fruits and savoury complexities
CELLAR:	10 to 15 years