

HILLSIDE VINEYARD GRENACHE 2020



TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY



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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

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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

Strong winds at flowering at the beginning of the growing season reduced berry and bunch count in many vineyards. The difficult seasonal conditions continued up to harvest- a dry winter and spring were followed by very hot and dry December and January. 2020 was a difficult season to manage for both grower and winemaker with yields much lower than anticipated. Older vineyards with deeper roots remained steadfast under these conditions and produced small volumes of deeply concentrated wines from the lower yields. While the yields have been small, the overall quality has created deeply coloured and textured wines that resonate their place of origin.

TASTING

This unique parcel of Grenache from vines planted in 1949 has all the bright, opulent fruit exhibiting plush red fruits such as red currant, red cherry and white plum, along a seamless tannin profile due to 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 expressive fruit profile and the savoury, old world like characters that express complexities appealing to Grenache fans. Serve at 16C and pair with lamb dishes.

VARIETY:	100% Grenache
VINEYARD:	Hillside Vineyard Grenache block planted in 1949
SUB-REGION:	Lyndoch
HARVEST:	21 st March 2020
MATURATION:	18 months in a 2400L French oak foudre
ANALYSIS:	AlcVol 15% pH 3.45 Acidity 5.59 g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson with plum red hue
AROMA:	Lifted red fruit aromas such as red currants, red cherry and white plum. Hints of earth and clove balances the savoury tones.
PALATE:	Medium –bodied, textural with long acid spine balanced by tight and long yet refined tannins
CELLAR:	10 to 12 years
