

# THE GASK 2022



# TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE GASK IS SOURCED FROM ELEVATED EDEN VALLEY SITES OF OLD VINE SHIRAZ AND TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE GASK RIDGE, A SERIES OF ROMAN FORTIFICATIONS CLOSE TO THE HIGHLAND LINE NEAR THE TORBRECK FOREST

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The elevated sites in Eden Valley yield small, intense berries that possess great intensity of flavour without sacrificing balance and poise. Heroic in style, it still retains the cooler edge and tighter structure that make the great wines from Eden Valley famous.

The name Gask references to the stone burial grounds on the hills above the Torbreck forest - rocky outcrops that are scattered throughout Scotland - eerily similar to the landscape of the Eden Valley.

## VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was characterised by above average winter rains making up for a dry autumn, leading to full canopies and healthy vines for the harvest. A severe hail storm across some parts of the Valley in late October resulted in lower average yields.

The summer was remarkably mild with very few days above 30 degrees. Slow ripening in the cooler conditions made for a gentle and drawn out vintage season, resulting in wines with higher natural acidity, rich colours and fine tannins. The wines from 2022 will reward those patient enough to cellar them away.

## TASTING

Deep crimson with dark Aubergine core. Blue and purple fruits are immediate on the nose with aromas such as wild blueberries, mulberries and boysenberries. There's an intriguing graphite and granite like minerality interwoven across secondary notes such as potpourri, cedar and sandalwood. The palate is plush and envelopes the cool blue fruit flavours alongside soft round tannins and lengthy acidity that rounds out the polished textural mouthfeel. A wine that is so easy to enjoy in its youth but will cellar for 10 years. Enjoy with BBQ meats like rib eye or grilled Italian sausage with peperonata. Ready from 2024. Serve at 16C/60F.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Blend of superior Eden Valley vineyards
<b>SUB-REGION:</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in second fill French oak barriques, completing a slow malolactic fermentation in barrel
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.64 Acidity 5.71 g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Deep crimson
<b>AROMA:</b>	Blue and red fruits are immediate such as wild blueberry, boysenberry and mulberry balance by mineral strewn notes of graphite, sandalwood and potpourri.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Firm, taught, medium bodied with a long finish balanced by tannins, acid and plush mid palate.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 to 12 years

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