

SPRING 2021

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T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



PREPARING FOR VINTAGE 2022

As of mid-August, The Torbreck Viticulture team are currently a third of the way through pruning. This has been slowed due to the high vigour of the vines during the growing season which saw good cane growth providing the team with ample choice and great selection.

The vineyards are currently receiving some much needed rain after the dry and hot 2019 and 2020 seasons. After the driest Autumn on record in the Barossa we received 88mm of rain in June and 133mm in July (In the top 5% of wettest July's on record) promoting great yields for the 2022 vintage.

Nigel Blieschke Viticulturist

2019 THE STRUIE

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

The name Struie originates from a mountain in the rugged highlands of north-east Scotland, which overlooks Torbreck forest near Inverness. The view from the Struie down across the Dornoch Firth is as inspiring as that of the Valley floor from the Barossa Ranges.

While the Eden Valley region is most associated with the white wine variety, Riesling, it also produces elegant, tautly structured Shiraz which is highly prized by winemakers. This Torbreck Shiraz cuvée is a skilful blend of fruit from a single vineyard Eden Valley Shiraz and old vine Shiraz from the Barossa Valley's Western Ranges – a marriage of elegance and intensity.

VINTAGE

The growing season was defined by a continuously warm to hot summer with no effective rainfall, wind and hail at flowering, and followed with three major frosts - resulting in an earlier and much smaller harvest than average. These tough conditions produced smaller clusters of intensely dark berries with thick fleshy skins contrasted against brown mature stalks. Whilst yields were down, once these vineyards were fermenting in our cellar the concentration of colour, tannin and aroma of the 2019 vintage was revealed.

TASTING

The Struie is a wonderfully aromatic and deeply concentrated wine produced from the harmonious combination of both regions, delivering layers of dark chocolate characters and defining structure. Nuances of plum, black and blueberries, violets and hidden spice characters all further enhance the natural elegance and tension from old vines. The Struie will reward for 15-20 years.



VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARDS:	Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, average age of vines, 50 years
SUB REGION:	92% Barossa Valley 8% Eden Valley
HARVEST:	2nd March – 3rd April 2019
MATURATION:	20 months in new (20%) and seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15%, pH 3.61 Acidity 5.87g/L
COLOUR:	Dark violet with purple rim.
AROMA:	Lifted aromatics of plum, black fruits, mineral and graphite
PALATE:	Plush, dense and textural with a long finish. The tannins are soft yet concentrated and they will hold the powerful structure and fruit weight together for many years
CELLAR:	15- 20 years

2019 THE STEADING

BAROSSA VALLEY GRENACHE SHIRAZ MATARO

On a highland farm in Scotland the collection of barns, stables and outbuildings is known as a Steading. Here in the Barossa Valley the varieties Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz all stand in their own right, however in blending, their strengths create a complex wine of solid, earthy structure. It is sourced from Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz vines that survived the worldwide phylloxera outbreak of the 1880s, and a century later, the vine-pull scheme in the Barossa in the 1980s.

The protection of this old vine resource of the Barossa Valley is central to the Torbreck story and this wine, more than any other, is an indication of what is possible from these historic cultivars.

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TASTING

The Steading has a fragranciness, purity of fruit, mid-palate concentration and savoury tannin profile that makes it a favourite amongst the Torbreck team. Vibrant aromas of red currant, cherry, pomegranate, violet, star anise and spice all unfold to reveal an impressive array of underlying fruit flavours.

Silky, dark red fruits, black olive, savoury earth, liquorice and Asian spices. These complex yet elegant flavours are all neatly interwoven with a perfect balance of acidity and supple, silky tannins. The Steading will continue to develop with time in the cellar, and provide those with patience great enjoyment well into the next decade.



VARIETY:	60% Grenache, 21% Shiraz 19% Mataro
VINEYARDS:	Multiple vineyards ranging from 40 to 150 year old vines
SUB REGIONS:	Gomersal, Lyndoch, Greenock, Moppa, Marananga, Seppeltsfield, Ebenezer
HARVEST:	14th March – 17th April 2019
MATURATION:	20 months maturation on fine yeast lees in large 4500L French oak foudre vats. Natural malolactic conversion occurred during time in barrel
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15%, pH 3.54 Acidity 5.50 g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson red
AROMA:	Red fruits dominate the aromas such as cranberry, pomegranate, and wild raspberry with mineral and earthy savoury notes coming from the Mourvèdre and mineral soils
PALATE:	Medium bodies with complexity and length across the palate. The tannins and acidity intertwine nicely against the lashings of red fruits
CELLAR:	10+ years.

2018 THE PICT

BAROSSA VALLEY MATARO

Mataro (or Mourvèdre 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
VINEYARD:	Northern Greenock, Materne 'Quarry Block' Vineyard planted 1927
SUB REGION:	Greenock
HARVEST:	23rd 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:	Luxurious depth balanced by soft velvet-like tannins and firm acidity wrapped around generous mouth filling fruit flavours
CELLAR:	10 to 12 years.

2019 KYLOE

BAROSSA VALLEY MATARO

All Torbreck wines rely on great terroir and great viticulture, but the third and equally significant quality factor is the time when the fruit leaves the vineyard – the picking date. This is particularly true for Mataro, where patience is required to ensure physiological and flavour ripeness is achieved, regardless of the sugar levels in the fruit.

This restraint is rewarded with dense, wild and completely rounded wines made from fruit that has reached the optimum stage of flavour development. The climate in the Barossa Valley is perfectly suited to achieving this level of ripeness and is a place where we truly believe some of the best Mataro wines in the world can be made.

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TASTING

Bright, lifted and aromatic with notes of purple and blue fruits such as mulberry, blueberry and red plums. The nose also shows savoury notes of garrigue, black olive, charcuterie and sarsaparilla.

A firm, fleshy tannin grip envelops the long fine acids and textural mouthfeel provided by dense old vine Mataro. A wine for enjoyment with game meats, lamb or vegetarian eggplant based dishes like Greek moussaka or Provencale ratatouille. 2021-2029.



VARIETY:	100% Mataro
SUB REGIONS:	Marananga, Greenock
HARVEST:	27th March – 10 April 2019
MATURATION:	12 months 4500L French oak Foudre
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 14.5%, pH 3.56 Acidity 5.59/L
COLOUR:	Deep crimson
AROMA:	Mulberry, blueberry, black olive, charcuterie and beef jerky
PALATE:	Firm, fleshy and round with long acids and textural mouthfeel balanced by plush tannins and excellent palate length
CELLAR:	Drink now or cellar for up to 8 years

2019 THE LOON
BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ AND ROUSSANNE

WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

A young Scottish lad is often referred to as a Loon which is an appropriate name for this young, boisterous Shiraz Roussanne.

Due to our success in co-fermenting Shiraz and Viognier, we thought it would be interesting to co-ferment the skins from Roussanne with Shiraz. We selected a Shiraz vineyard in Lyndoch that gave us the perfect structure and purity of fruit to balance the aromatics of the Roussanne. Once the juice was gently whole bunch pressed from the Roussanne grapes, the skins were added to the Shiraz and co-fermented. The resulting wine is as unique as it is intense; beautifully lifted and balanced and surprisingly distinctive.

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TASTING

A balanced blend of red and white grapes, the Roussanne providing a lifted aromatic to the core of fleshy and dense Barossa Valley Shiraz. The typical Shiraz flavours are slightly subdued by the floral notes emanating from co-fermentation adding a harmonious lifted aroma and a softer tannin profile. Whilst enjoyable early for its plush and round blue and black fruit complexities the wine will benefit from medium term cellaring to showcase the secondary aromas that add an extra dimension.



VARIETY:	93% Shiraz, 7% Roussanne
VINEYARD:	Hillside
SUB REGIONS:	Lyndoch
HARVEST:	13th March 2019
MATURATION:	12 months, large format French Oak
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15%, pH3.59 Acidity 5.88g/L
COLOUR:	Deep Crimson
AROMA:	Wild blue and black fruits, mineral, florals
PALATE:	full bodied, rich enveloping fruit weight with seamless and soft mouthfeel rounded by plump dense core and soft tannins
CELLAR:	10+ years



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