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BAROSSA VALLEY





## **INTRODUCING CHAMPAGNE FOREST-MARIE**

We're excited to share something special in your Spring quarterly pack – Champagne Forest-Marié Brut Tradition. This French champagne is the result of two families, the Thierrys and Graciannes, coming together with a focus on making great wine, and Torbreck has been the exclusive importer since 2020

Champagne Forest-Marié has a deep history rooted in grape-growing expertise passed down through generations. Their vineyards are spread across different villages, with a special mention for Ecueil, Sacy, and Villedommange, recognized for their quality.

What sets this champagne apart is the small batch, hands-on approach winemaking style of the Forest-Marié family. They have a focus on sourcing grapes from Old Vine vineyards, and use late harvesting, oak maturation and extended bottle aging with the aim to make rich and expressive wine. These methods are very familiar to us here at Torbreck, and makes the Champagne wines of Forest-Marie are a great fit.

A few years ago, Torbreck began importing Champagne Forest-Marié to Australia for our Wholesale sales team. Today, we're proud to be able to share it with our valued members. The Champagne Forest-Marié Brut Tradition is a testament to their commitment to quality and tradition. With each glass, you'll experience the fruits of their labour and their dedication to preserving the character of the region.

We're sure you'll enjoy this delightful addition to your wine collection.



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## снамрадие FOREST-MARIÉ

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### **BRUT TRADITION**

#### ASSEMBLAGE

1/3 Chardonnay, 1/3 Pinot Noir,
1/3 Pinot Meunier, 58% of which from reserve wines.
Alc: 12% ABV / pH: 3.23
TA: 5.9 g/L / Dosage 9.6 g/L

The reputation of this great classic Champagne stems from its sophisticated blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier across 83 plots in Trigny and Ecueil. A pale-straw colour with dominant yellow stone fruit aromas. It is perfect for all occasions, most noticeably as an aperitif.

#### TASTING NOTE

Pale straw colour nuanced by amber in the core. A complex nose showing perfumed peach and light honeyed pear aromas. The spirited mousse evolves on the palate with a freshness from Chardonnay and developed complexity led by Pinot varieties. The cleansing acidity is long and refined with impressive retention and mouthfeel.





#### 2021 THE STRUIE BAROSSA VALLEY / EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ

Sourced from elevated sites throughout the Barossa and Eden Valleys, The Struie reflects the cooler side of the region and showcases the subtle nuances that are gained from hillside viticulture.

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 2021 summer growing season was mild, with even and cool daily temperatures throughout. Enhanced by good rains provided during the winter and spring of 2020, our vineyards grew wonderful canopies and developed well-formed grape bunches. As a result of this long flavour development cycle in the vineyard, 2021's signature is wines of high aromatic lift with densely coloured tints and exceptional balance

#### TASTING

Lifted aromatics of black and blue fruits such as blackberry, blueberry compote and milk chocolate, with graphite and mineral like complexity from granite and schist soils in the Eden Valley. The full bodied and silken textured mouthfeel exhibits plushness of fruit along with mouth coating ripe Shiraz tannins that are full yet soft. The oak is barely noticeable and will give way after a year or two in bottle to its density and freshness of fruit. Serve with steak frites, Texas BBQ ribs, or Char Siu pork.



VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARDS:	Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, average age of vines, 50 years.
SUB REGIONS:	57% Barossa Valley 43% Eden Valley
HARVEST:	1st March – 16th April 2021
MATURATION:	18 months in new (20%) and seasoned French oak.
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.60 Acidity 5.84g/L
COLOUR:	Deep crimson hue with an almost black core.
AROMA:	Lifted aromatics of blackberry, blue berry, milk chocolate, 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:	Up to 15 years and serve at 16°C.

#### 2021 THE GASK EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ

The Gask is sourced from a elevated Eden Valley sites of Old Vine Shiraz and yakes it name from the Gask Ridge, a series of Roman fortifications close to the Highland Line near the Torbreck forest.

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.

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#### TASTING

Violet and aubergines with a garnet rim. Very fragrant lifted aromatic of blue and red fruits such as mulberry, cassis, blueberry and cranberry. The secondary aromas intertwine the fruit freshness with earthy like complexity such as granite, eucalypt, camphor and sandalwood.

The palates fine-grained tannins and primary fruit are well balanced with an elongated tension and taut posture that gives a confidence to cellar for added complexity and harmony. Drink or hold for 15 years. Ready from 2024. Serve at 16C with spicy Mexican or Texas BBQ.



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

#### 2019 CUVÉE JUVENILES BAROSSA VALLEY GMS

#### **MEMBERS BACK VINTAGE RELEASE**

As its name describes, Cuvée Juveniles is a wine best drunk in its youth, poured by the glass at your favourite restaurant.

Cuvée Juveniles was created as a 'Cote Du Rhone' inspired bistro wine from the classic Barossa varieties of Grenache, Mataro (Mourvedre) and Shiraz from mostly old, unirrigated vineyards. These varieties are the cornerstone of the Barossa Valley and are intrinsic in the wines that are so easily appreciated around the world and often referred to as GSM blends by sommeliers and consumers alike.

#### 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

A perennial favourite, Grenache from old vines shows it ability to exhibit lifted florals, red juicy fruit characters such as wild cherry, raspberry and pomegranate. The palate has delicious texture and long acidity balancing a freshness from savoury Mataro and bolder Shiraz components. Serve with an array of cuisines including spicy dishes at or below 16 degrees Celsius.



VARIETY:	72% Grenache, 23% Mataro 5% Shiraz.
VINEYARDS:	Multiple vineyards ranging from 40 to 150 year old vines.
SUB REGION:	Gomersal, Seppeltsfield, Marananga, Moppa, Greenock, Ebenezer
HARVEST:	3rd March – 12th April 2019
MATURATION:	No oak ageing Assembled in stainless steel tank and allowed to complete a natural malolactic fermentation before bottling
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.53 Acidity 5.21g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson and bright cherry hues.
AROMA:	Red cherry and pomegranate aromas balanced by Chinese five spice and meaty notes.
PALATE:	Medium bodied with a lithe and plush mouthfeel.
CELLAR:	Drink now or cellar for up to 8 years.

# 2021 WOODCUTTER'S SHIRAZ

#### FULL-BODIED YET SO REFINED AND FOCUSED WITH CRISP " ACIDITY AND ULTRA-FINE, **CREAMY TANNINS...** 96/100 JAMESSUCKLING.COM

This wine reflects the up and coming Shiraz vineyards of the Barossa, rather than the battle hardened old vines that make up the core of our other cuvee's. But like all Torbreck wines, Woodcutter's - Shiraz receives the very best viticultural and winemaking treatment. Although this wine is constantly praised for its succulence and richness, there is also a complexity and texture which is rarely found at this price.

#### VINTAGE

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#### TASTING

Lifted red, black and blue fruits of red cherry, raspberry coulis, blueberry conserve and wild blackberry and blackcurrant. There is a spicy edge showing cardamom, star anise and Chinese five spice.

Soft caressing tannins and voluptuous mouthfeel from plump Shiraz berries gives this wine a posture that belies its pedigree. The poise and piguancy of the fruit sitting on top of the structured mouthfeel provides confidence to cellar for 5-10 years. Serve at 16C and match with most cuisines.



VARIETY:	100% Shiraz.
SUB REGIONS:	Marananga, Greenock, Seppeltsfield, Gomersal, Moppa, Lyndoch, Ebenezer.
HARVEST:	25th February – 18th April 2021
MATURATION:	12 months in well-seasoned French oak hogsheads and Foudre.
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.60 Acidity 5.76g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson with red plum hues.
AROMA:	Dark plum, blackberries, cassis, dark cherry, spice and star anise.
PALATE:	Medium to full bodied, soft tannins and textural mouthfeel.
CELLAR:	Drink now or cellar for up to 10 years.



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