

SUMMER 2022

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# TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY





## THE GROWERS' CUT

The Growers' Cut is a special release, cellar door only wine, that pays homage each year to a selected grower whose particular vineyard has best exemplified the season or produced an extraordinary parcel of wine.

Torbreck's wine making process includes keeping each individual vineyard parcel separate throughout fermentation and maturation, with blending of vineyards only occurring prior to bottling. At the end of each vintage our winemakers select the winning parcel of wine, which is then kept apart for a limited release single vineyard bottling.

This is a highly sought after prize, and competition between growers is both friendly and fierce. The award is presented at our Annual Growers Dinner, where all Torbreck growers are invited to taste barrel samples of all the individual vineyard wines produced from the most recent vintage.

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## 2020 THE GROWERS' CUT

### BAROSSA VALLEY GRENACHE

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This special release, cellar door only wine is produced from one of the traditional Torbreck and Barossa varieties of Grenache, Shiraz or Mataro.

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### 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

Bright crimson red and expressing lifted aromas such as lifted florals, star anise and abundant red fruit characters such as mulberry, red currant and red cherry. The tannins are firm but balanced leading to a long palate cleansed by refreshing acidity and long aftertaste.



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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Grenache
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Neldner
<b>SUB REGION:</b>	Gomersal
<b>HARVEST:</b>	3rd April 2020
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in 2400L French oak foudres.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 14.5% pH 3.75 Acidity 5.34g/L.
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Crimson red
<b>AROMA:</b>	Lifted florals, mulberry, red currant and savoury, earthy notes.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium bodied with rounded enveloping tannins and long aftertaste. Abundant fruit concentration and balance.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 + years

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## 2020 HILLSIDE VINEYARD

### BAROSSA VALLEY GRENACHE

*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*

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.

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#### 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 16°C and pair with lamb dishes.



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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Grenache
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Hillside Vineyard Grenache block planted in 1949.
<b>SUB REGION:</b>	Lyndoch
<b>HARVEST:</b>	21st March 2020
<b>MATURATION:</b>	18 months in a 2400L French oak foudre.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.45 Acidity 5.40 g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Crimson with plum red hue.
<b>AROMA:</b>	Lifted red fruit aromas such as red currants, red cherry and white plum. Hints of earth and clove balances the savoury tones.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium –bodied, textural with long acid spine balanced by tight and long yet refined tannins.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 to 12 years

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## 2017 THE STEADING

BAROSSA VALLEY GSM

### VINTAGE

After a cold and rainy winter in 2016, the Barossa had one of its wettest springs on record, replenishing sub-soil moisture and setting the vineyards up for a healthy summer. Mild conditions during veraison and light rains in January and February 2017, were followed by an extended warm, dry Indian summer, creating perfect ripening conditions through to April 2017. An outstanding vintage producing bright, aromatic whites and intense, well-structured reds.

### TASTING

The Steading has a fragranc, purity of fruit, mid-palate concentration and savoury tannin profile that makes it an exemplary wine. Vibrant aromas of violet, star anise and spice all unfold to reveal an impressive array of underlying fruit flavours.

Silky, succulent dark fruits, black olive, savoury earth, liquorice and Asian spice. 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.



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### TASTING

Lifted aromas of dried red currant, pomegranate and mulberry. The spice aromas entice, such as clove, star anise, dried cinnamon bark, and then earthy notes intertwine. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a dense core of plush red and blue-berried fruits whilst leaning towards the savoury side. Firm tannins envelope the mouth to salivate the drinkers' palate. The 2020 Steading is indicative of the harvest from low yielding old bush vines that produced high quality wines. Pair with game meats poultry or Chinese roast pork. Enjoy at its best from 5-20 years Torbreck range.

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*The Steading is very much the heart and soul of Torbreck, the wine that exemplifies our philosophy and beliefs.*

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## 2022 CUVÉE JUVENILES BLANC

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*Cuvée Juveniles Blanc pays homage to the fresh and energetic Cotes du Rhone white blends enjoyed in the wine bars and bistros of France.*

An alluring and exotic blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Viognier, these varieties are all perfectly suited to the ancient soils and temperate growing conditions of the Barossa Valley.

When blended, they produce a deliciously vibrant and racy white wine - best shared with a plate of fresh caught seafood at your favourite local bistro or bar.

### 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

Immediately appealing aromas of tropical fruits such as guava, kaffir lime and green mango against a more restrained nashi pear note. The exotic fruit profile intermingles with Asian spices such as lemongrass and pickled Japanese ginger. The palate's medium weight demonstrates a lightness and deft touch, with long acidity and acute fruit flavours. The mineral like acidity shines through with a saline and seashell freshness.

Although best in its youth, it will age for up to 5 years. Pair with spicy Asian seafood salads, French pate or duck rilletes. Serve chilled at 8°C.



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<b>VARIETY:</b>	47% Roussanne, 25% Marsanne, 19% Clairette, 7% Grenache Blanc, 2% Viognier.
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Multiple vineyards
<b>SUB REGION:</b>	Lyndoch, Marananga, Greenock, Ebenezer.
<b>HARVEST:</b>	7th March – 6th April 2022
<b>MATURATION:</b>	Matured in a combination of stainless steel and seasoned barriques.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 13% pH 3.29 Acidity 5.13g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Light straw
<b>AROMA:</b>	Kaffir lime, green mango, lemongrass, guava and pickled Japanese ginger.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium bodied with lifted tropical fruits and a seashell acid freshness.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	Drink now or cellar for up to 5 years.

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## 2021 CUVÉE JUVENILES

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

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Cuvée Juveniles was created as a 'Cotes Du Rhone' inspired bistro wine from the classic Barossa varieties of Grenache, Mataro (Mourvedre) and Shiraz from mostly unirrigated old vine vineyards. Alongside these three Barossa cornerstones, Torbreck has planted two other traditional Rhone varieties: Counoise and Carignan. These give savoury and spicy notes to the blend, and add a level of complexity, depth and bottle ageing potential. A wine that will enthuse the Francophile yet still win over Barossa fans.

### 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

A perennial favourite, Grenache from old vines shows its ability to exhibit lifted florals, red juicy fruit characters such as wild cherry, raspberry and pomegranate. The addition of Rhone varieties Counoise and Carignan add a savoury complexity complementing Mataro aromas of beef jerky and Chinese five spice. The palate exhibits a medium-bodied texture from this Rhone blend with long acidity balancing a fruit freshness around a slightly firmer tannin profile than previous vintages. Serve with an array of cuisines including spicy dishes at or below 16 degrees Celsius. Enjoy from release - 7 years



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<b>VARIETY:</b>	47% Grenache, 32% Mataro, 10% Carignan, 9% Counoise, 2% Shiraz.
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Multiple vineyards ranging up to 150 year old vines.
<b>SUB REGION:</b>	Lyndoch, Gomersal, Seppeltsfield, Marananga, Greenock.
<b>HARVEST:</b>	12th March – 18th April 2021
<b>MATURATION:</b>	Matured in a combination of stainless steel and large format French oak foudre.
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 14.5% pH 3.57 Acidity 5.36g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Crimson and bright cherry hues.
<b>AROMA:</b>	Red cherry and pomegranate aromas balanced by Chinese five spice and meaty notes.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium bodied with a lithe and plush mouthfeel.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	Drink now or cellar for up to 7 years.

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