



“Torbreck stands supreme. David Powell has not let success go to his head, or subvert the individuality and sheer quality of his wines, all created around very old, dry-grown, bush-pruned vineyards. Notwithstanding the depth and richness of the wines, they have a remarkable degree of finesse.” JAMES HALLIDAY

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“ A MAGNIFICENT WINE FROM A GREAT VINTAGE. ”
JAMES HALLIDAY



2006 THE LAIRD

RATING: 97

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Prior to the arrival of The Laird, RunRig was Torbreck's top wine at \$235 a bottle. Why the huge price gap? It is in limited production (646 dozen), but so is RunRig. It comes from a remarkable single vineyard that David Powell had coveted for 15 years. Apart from a high level of vigilance, normal open fermentation and basket pressing; following Guigal's 'La La's', it spent three years in new and hideously expensive Tardieu Laurent French barriques with staves 45 mm thick (normally 22 to 27 mm). Over the three years the oak becomes embedded in the fruit, supporting not overwhelming it, layer upon layer of gloriously complex flavours, the tannins superbly weighted. A magnificent wine from a great vintage. Drink by 2036.



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2009 RUNRIG

RATING: 95

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

This is larger than life, super concentrated, black-fruited, dark and essency shiraz, befitting of maker David Powell; whilst the concentration is staggering, the underlying tannins and freshness provides length, complexity and interest. Make no mistake this is big end of town, take no prisoners old vine shiraz pushed to the limit. Drink by 2025.



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2010 THE GASK

RATING: 96

FROM: Eden Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Impenetrable colour; a highly aromatic and perfumed shiraz bouquet with dark fruits aplenty, offset by violets and a wide array of spices; the palate is dense, as you would expect of Torbreck, yet there is freshness and a struck quartz minerality that thrills through the wine's spine; long, luscious and hedonistic. Drink by 2025.

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2009 LES AMIS

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Grenache

Deep garnet; the bouquet is savoury, dark, brooding and spicy, with lots of charr oak on display; the palate reveals a rich, hedonistic and spicy grenache, with layers of spice, black fruit, fruitcake and prunes; there is life and energy on the finish, with the new oak a mere seasoning for such concentration. Drink by 2020.

2008 THE FACTOR

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep, dense ruby; the bouquet is full of dark fruits, oak and lots more, the palate predictably full-bodied, but the high alcohol really does impose itself on the palate. For Torbreck lovers this may be no problem, but for others it will be a different matter. Drink by 2023.

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2009 THE LOON

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: 90% Shiraz 10% Roussanne

A new arrival on the scene for Torbreck, 'Loon' the name of a young, boisterous Scottish boy, which is how David Powell describes this shiraz roussanne blend. The bouquet is complex, with some tanned leather notes that also come through on the palate, which has lifted, energetic character to the black fruits and Asian spices also present. Interesting. Drink by 2029

2010 THE LOON

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: 90% Shiraz 10% Roussanne

Deep purple and impenetrable in colour, this is fresh, young unencumbered and pure Barossa shiraz (with a small percentage of roussanne added); liqueur soaked black fruits, sage, spices and a rugged aspect to the palate that is offset by a generous and richly textured finish, without the least sign of heaviness. Drink by 2025.

2009 THE STEADING

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: A Proprietary Blend

This is a pure expression of sweet Barossa fruit, with generous aromas of mocha, fruitcake, prune and fruitcake; the palate is thickly textured and unctuous, with plenty of depth and a nice lift of freshness in the form of acidity, providing contrast. Drink by 2016.

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2009 THE STRUIE

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, Eden Valley

VARIETY: Shiraz

Strong, deep red-purple; a blend of Barossa and Eden Valleys; the complex bouquet and layered palate are driven by fruit, not by oak, although there is no shortage of the latter; spice, blackberry and black cherry join in the long palate sustained, as it is, by ripe tannins. There is no time not to drink the wine. Shiraz. Drink by 2029.

2010 THE STRUIE

RATING: 92

FROM: Eden Valley (16%) Barossa Valley (84%)

VARIETY: Shiraz

A dark and syrupy black-fruited shiraz, with incredible concentration, ample levels of tannin, and a thickly textured palate; the length is remarkable, but be warned this is very ripe indeed, and concentration is the key. Drink by 2018.

2010 WOODCUTTER'S SHIRAZ

RATING: 90

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Strong red-purple; a far cry from the first few Woodcutter's that were somewhat thin; this is a robust shiraz, speaking eloquently of the Barossa Valley and the Torbreck style, with layers of oak, tannins and fruit (in that order). Drink by 2017.

2011 THE BOTHIE

RATING: 87

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Muscat

Pale in colour, with enough sweetness to provide interest, and a touch of nectarine and spice. Drink by 2014.

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