

### **Torbreck Barossa Valley Cuvee Juveniles 2013 \$25**

Originally made for Juveniles bistro, Paris, Torbreck provides an exuberant, unoaked expression of the Barossa's signature blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro (aka Mourvedre).

Despite its hefty 15-per-cent alcohol, Juveniles sits bright, fresh and fruity on the palate, with little sign of alcoholic heat. Grenache (60 per cent of the blend) leads the aroma, musk-like flavour and liveliness of the palate. Shiraz adds body and soft tannins to the blend, while Mataro contributes spice, savour and tannic grip to a remarkably fruity, buoyant finish.

### **Torbreck *The Struie* Shiraz 2013 Barossa and Eden Valleys, South Australia \$47.50–\$50**

Torbreck creator David Powell departed the scene a couple of years ago after a public and bitter split with Torbreck's American owner, Peter Kight. However, Torbreck and its winemaking remain intact, producing extraordinary reds like *The Struie*.

It combines elegant, refined shiraz from the higher, cooler Eden Valley with fuller, riper shiraz from the warmer Barossa. The wine hits the palate with sweet, stock-like concentration – a chewy, slinky amalgam of ripe but spicy shiraz, soft tannin and mocha-like flavours from high-quality oak, which also adds a slight bitterness to the aftertaste.



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