

## Matthew Jukes 2013/14 Top 100 Australian Wines

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### **2009 Torbreck, The Factor, Barossa Valley, SA £89.00**

Pay attention because this is THE pick of the current crop of Shirazes from Dave Powell Aladdin's Cave of wines. Without wanting to lean on another winery's collection, The Factor is a little like Penfolds' St. Henri, in the fact that it uses older oak and this allows the fruit to come to the fore. While I appreciate that this is somewhat of an anomaly it also means that you can drink this wine earlier. The tannins are somewhat more genial in 2009 The Factor and it sits between the insane 2008 and what I would imagine will be a stupendous 2010. In this regard it is going to be thought of as the 'weakest' of the three vintages depending on your predilection. This is not so. This is the most forward and generous of the wines and it suits this style, too. You must taste this wine for another reason, too. Dave's bottles cost the earth and this cuvée along with 2009 Steading (the crazily underrated and underpriced GSM which is awesome in 2009) are fairly priced. They are also the only two that I buy every year!