



# TORBRECK

“...MANY OF THE PINNACLES OF GREATNESS ARE STILL AMONG THE FLAGSHIP WINES OF GRAND ESTATES RICH IN PATRIARCHAL HISTORY, INCLUDING NEWER STALWARTS SUCH AS TORBRECK...”  
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# 99



## 2009 RUNRIG

RATING: 99  
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia  
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 RunRig opens with wonderful perfume, and though this label usually contains a splash of Viognier, which could account for the fragrant nose, it has none this vintage. Redolent of violets and blueberries it is very spicy with an undercurrent of anise and Indian spices muddled with mulberries. Taut and elegant on the palate, it gives plenty of concentrated fruit flavor with crisp acid and firm, fine tannins. It finishes long. Drink it from 2016 to 2030+.

# 100



## 2008 THE LAIRD

RATING: 100  
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia  
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2008 The Laird is a little restrained to begin, opening out after a few moments and much coaxing to an extraordinary array of creme de cassis and black plum-based aromas with underlying chocolate box, licorice, exotic spice, oolong tea and clove hints with a touch of earthy loam. Richly textured, dense and with a provocative meaty/earthy/savory, the palate is complex and layered revealing menthol and ripe black fruit notes interplaying with firm, velvety tannins through to a very long, opulent and harmonious finish. Drink it from 2015 to 2030+.



# 97+

## 2009 DESCENDANT

RATING: 97+  
FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia  
VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 Descendant has 8% co-fermented Viognier in the blend which lends lovely floral, peach blossom and violet aromas to complement an intense blueberry preserves, dark chocolate and star anise aromatic core. Very full and rich, it has a lovely acid vibrancy alongside medium to firm, very fine tannins and a long finish. Drink it from 2015 to 2025+.

# 97+

## 2009 THE FACTOR

RATING: 94+

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 The Factor begins with lovely warm blackberry and creme de cassis notes highlighted by mulberries, mincemeat and dusty earth scents. Very big, rich and full, the palate has some dried berry character, a firm level of chewy tannins, balanced acid freshness and a long finish. Drink it from 2014 to 2024+.



# 94+

## 2009 THE STEADING

RATING: 94+

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Grenache Shiraz Mataro

Medium deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 The Steading has a very pretty nose of raspberry preserves, rhubarb compote and orange peel alongside expressive spices and florals with a whiff of white pepper. Full, rich and elegant, the abundant, layered flavors are framed with medium-firm levels of velvety tannins through a long finish. Drink it now to 2020+.



# 94+

## 2010 LES AMIS

RATING: 97+

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Grenache

Medium deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 Les Amis displays gorgeous kirsch and raspberry compote notes accented by potpourri and roses, baking spices, cloves and some meatiness with pepper. Ripe and rich, medium-firm, silky tannins frame a concentrated and layered palate through a long and refreshing finish. Seductive in its youth, it should drink best from 2014 to 2024+.

## 2010 THE STRUIE

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 The Struie displays intense black fruit, blackberry and blueberry scents that show some licorice and chocolate notes plus a touch of pencil lead. Meaty, full and rich, it is densely packed with fruit and framed by firm, grainy tannins and a long, fresh finish. Approachable now, drink it from to 2021+.

## 2010 THE GASK

RATING: 94+

FROM: Eden Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 The Gask opens with really minty, eucalyptus aromas over black currant cordial, charcoal and some anise. Big, rich and full, it has medium-firm, velvety tannins, balanced acid and a long finish. It needs a bit of time to integrate. Drink it from 2014 to 2024+. *Not available in export markets.*

## 2012 STEADING BLANC

RATING: 91

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Marsanne Viognier Roussanne

A blend of Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier, the 2012 Steading Blanc exudes pretty perfumed scents of frangipani, jasmine and white peach complemented by some poached pears and apple tart. Crisp, concentrated and satiny, this medium to full-bodied white is rich and spicy with notes of allspice in the long finish. It should age well and drink now to 2019+.

## 2012 VIOGNIER

RATING: 91

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Viognier

The 2012 Descendant Old Viognier reveals a lovely honeysuckle and ripe apricot nose accented by nutmeg and allspice plus honeyed pears. Big, rich and concentrated, it is quite fresh and shows a nice texture that is more creamy than oily, and finishes long and perfumed. Drink it now to 2016. *Not available in export markets.*

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