

# THE STRUIE 2015



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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SOURCED FROM ELEVATED SITES  
THROUGHOUT THE BAROSSA AND EDEN  
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The name Struie originates from a mountain in the rugged highlands of north-east Scotland, which overlooks Torbreck forest near Inverness. The view from the Struie down across the Dornoch Firth is as inspiring as that of the Valley floor from the Barossa Ranges.

While the Eden Valley region is most associated with the white wine variety, Riesling, it also produces elegant, tautly structured Shiraz which is highly prized by winemakers. This Torbreck Shiraz cuvée is a skilful blend of fruit from a single vineyard Eden Valley Shiraz and old vine Shiraz from the Barossa Valley's Western Ranges – a marriage of elegance and intensity.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	100% Shiraz
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, average age of vines, 50 years
<b>SUB-REGIONS:</b>	78% Barossa Valley 22% Eden Valley
<b>HARVEST:</b>	17 February to 23 March 2015
<b>MATURATION:</b>	20 months in new (17%) and seasoned French oak
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15.5% pH 3.72 Acidity 6.29g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Deep purple and Garnet hues
<b>AROMA:</b>	Dark cassis, plum, cherry, black olive, lavender and soft spice characters
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium to full bodied with plush, silky tannins and persistent mouthfeel and depth
<b>CELLAR:</b>	10 to 15 years

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## VINTAGE

Above average rains in 2014 filled the soil profile. This was followed by a helpful deluge for dry grown vineyards in January 2015. Generally dry for the remainder of vintage, warm days and cool nights created the perfect ripening conditions. The Eden Valley component has an almost unbelievable vibrancy and purity which balances the rich Valley fruit perfectly.

## TASTING

One of the most lifted and aromatic Struie wines we've produced, the harmonious combination of both regions has again delivered a wine with layers of dark cassis fruit characters and defining structure. Nuances of plum, black olive, lavender, spice and plush cherry characters all further enhance the natural elegance and tension of the fruit quality. The Struie will certainly age gracefully over the next decade.