

# THE STEADING 2018



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



“

THE STEADING IS VERY MUCH THE  
HEART AND SOUL OF TORBRECK,  
THE WINE THAT EXEMPLIFIES OUR  
PHILOSOPHY AND BELIEFS

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On a highland farm in Scotland the collection of barns, stables and outbuildings is known as a Steading. Here in the Barossa Valley the varieties Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz all stand in their own right, however in blending, their strengths create a complex wine of solid, earthy structure. It is sourced from Grenache, Mataro and Shiraz vines that survived the worldwide phylloxera outbreak of the 1880s, and a century later, the vine-pull scheme in the Barossa in the 1980s. The protection of this old vine resource of the Barossa Valley is central to the Torbreck story and this wine, more than any other, is an indication of what is possible from these historic cultivars.

## VINTAGE

An above average winter rainfall led into a below average spring and summer rainfall, producing small bunches and small berries, leading to a reduced yield. Quality was certainly high, particular amongst our red varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro. 2018 wines will be remembered for their impressive colour, structure and longevity.

## TASTING

The Steading has a fragrancy, purity of fruit, mid-palate concentration and savoury tannin profile that makes it an exemplary wine. Vibrant aromas of violet, star anise and spice all unfold to reveal an impressive array of underlying fruit flavours. Silky, succulent dark fruits, black olive, savoury earth, liquorice and Asian spice. These complex yet elegant flavours are all neatly interwoven with a perfect balance of acidity and supple, silky tannins. The Steading will continue to develop with time in the cellar, and provide those with patience great enjoyment well into the next decade.

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	53% Grenache, 28% Shiraz 19% Mataro
<b>VINEYARDS:</b>	Multiple vineyards ranging from 40 to 150 year old vines
<b>SUB-REGIONS:</b>	Gomersal, Lyndoch, Greenock, Moppa, Marananga, Seppeltsfield, Ebenezer
<b>HARVEST:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March – 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>MATURATION:</b>	20 months maturation on fine yeast lees in large 4500L French oak foudre vats. Natural malolactic conversion occurred during time in barrel
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.61 Acidity 5.43g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Crimson red
<b>AROMA:</b>	Red fruits dominate the aromas such as cranberry, pomegranate, and wild raspberry with mineral and earthy savoury notes coming from the Mourvedre and mineral soils.
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium bodies with complexity and length across the palate. The tannins and acidity intertwine nicely against the lashings of red fruits.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	5 to 10 years

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