

HILLSIDE VINEYARD GRENACHE 2019



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BAROSSA VALLEY



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GRAPES GROWN AT OUR HISTORIC HILLSIDE PROPERTY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERLY BAROSSA SUB-REGION OF LYNDOCH, ARE TYPIFIED BY LIFTED AROMATICS AND FINE TANNINS, PROVIDING US EACH YEAR WITH EXCEPTIONAL FRAGRANCE, RICHNESS AND TEXTURE

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This exceptional single vineyard Grenache comes from the most southerly owned Torbreck vineyard in the Barossa Valley, The Hillside Vineyard located just north of the township of Lyndoch on the gentle westerly facing high slopes. The soil composition comprises of mostly dark red clay scattered with shale, quartzite and ironstone. These dry grown bush vines are always low yielding and consistently produce outstanding fruit.

VINTAGE

The growing season was defined by a continuously warm to hot summer with no effective rainfall, wind and hail at flowering, and followed with three major frosts - resulting in an earlier and much smaller harvest than average. These tough conditions produced smaller clusters of intensely dark berries with thick fleshy skins contrasted against brown mature stalks. Whilst yields were down, once these vineyards were fermenting in our cellar the concentration of colour, tannin and aroma of the 2019 vintage was revealed.

TASTING

This unique parcel has all the bright, opulent fruit characteristics that we look for in dry grown Grenache combined with plush red fruits, and seamless tannin profile due to a partial whole-bunch fermentation. The rich, luxuriant fruit was further enhanced by barrel maturation in a second fill 2400 litre 'Boutes' French oak foudre barrel, which perfectly balances the expressive fruit profile and the savoury, old world like characters from this vineyard.

VARIETY:	100% Grenache
VINEYARD:	Hillside Vineyard Grenache block planted in 1949
SUB-REGION:	Lyndoch
HARVEST:	14 th March 2019
MATURATION:	18 months in a 2400L French oak foudre
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.50 Acidity 5.38 g/L
COLOUR:	Crimson
AROMA:	Lifted red fruit aromas such as red currants, pomegranate and aniseed. Hints of earth and clove balances the savoury tones.
PALATE:	Medium-bodied, textural with long acid spine balanced by tight and long yet refined tannins
CELLAR:	7 to 10 years
