

# THE FOREBEAR

## 2020



# T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



“ AN ENDURING LEGACY OF ONE OF THE BAROSSA VALLEY’S PIONEERING GRAPE GROWING FAMILIES’ LIVES ON IN THIS c.1850s PLANTED SHIRAZ VINEYARD ”

The Forebear is named in honour of those who came before, our ancestors, whose custodianship, vision and values protected and preserved these heritage vines.

This single vineyard Shiraz is a testament to ancient soils and the sustainable viticultural practises of generations of Barossa farmers.

Medium to full weight with lifted red fruit aromatics, balanced by the nuanced influence of restrained French barrique maturation. A timeless addition to any collection, this Shiraz promises to gracefully evolve and captivate for many years to come.

### VINTAGE

Strong winds at flowering at the beginning of the growing season reduced berry and bunch count in many vineyards. The difficult seasonal conditions continued up to harvest- a dry winter and spring were followed by very hot and dry December and January. 2020 was a difficult season to manage for both grower and winemaker with yields much lower than anticipated. Older vineyards with deeper roots remained steadfast under these conditions and produced small volumes of deeply concentrated wines from the lower yields. While the yields have been small, the overall quality has created deeply coloured and textured wines that resonate their place of origin.

### TASTING

Inky black with brilliant hue. A wine of poise and nobility from some of the world’s oldest living Shiraz vines. A complex nose of mostly red berry fruits such as mulberry, red cherry and cassis fill the bouquet, complimented by savoury notes of wild thyme, garrigue, graphite, and peppercorns. The palate carries a wonderful textural mouthfeel with enveloping soft, round tannins and cleansing acidity that balance the wines modern Barossa elegance with the power of the harvest from extremely low yielding vines. A wine that pays homage to its forebears and their vision for grape growing and dry farming from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Enjoy from 2025 and cellar to 2050+. Serve at 16C/60F with game, poultry or tuna steaks.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
VINEYARD:	Hillside Vineyard, Planted c.1850
SUB-REGION:	Lyndoch
HARVEST:	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
MATURATION:	24 months in new French oak barriques
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15.5% pH 3.62 Acidity 6.07/L
COLOUR:	Deep Crimson with brilliant hue.
AROMA:	Aromatic lifted red fruits of red currant, cassis and red cherry intertwined with wild thyme, garrigue, graphite and sandalwood.
PALATE:	Textural, round and long with elegance and modernity balanced by powerful red berry fruit, medium tannins, and impressive mouthfeel.
CELLAR:	30 years