

# THE STEADING 2020



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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THE STEADING IS OUR SIGNATURE WINE AND IS VERY MUCH THE HEART AND SOUL OF TORBRECK. A 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

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

Lifted aromas of dried red currant, pomegranate and mulberry. The spice aromas entice, such as clove, star anise, dried cinnamon bark, and then earthy notes intertwine. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a dense core of plush red and blue-berried fruits whilst leaning towards the savoury side. Firm tannins envelope the mouth to salivate the drinkers' palate. The 2020 Steading is indicative of the harvest from low yielding old bush vines that produced high quality wines. Pair with game meats poultry or Chinese roast pork. Enjoy at its best from 5-20 years

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<b>VARIETY:</b>	65% Grenache, 20% Shiraz 15% 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>	14 <sup>th</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
<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 3.54 Acidity 5.56 g/L
<b>COLOUR:</b>	Deep crimson with a garnet rim
<b>AROMA:</b>	Red and blue fruits dominate the aromas such as cranberry, pomegranate, and mulberry with spice and earthy, savoury notes coming from Grenache and Mourvedre planted on mineral laden soils..
<b>PALATE:</b>	Medium to full bodied with complexity and length across the palate. The firm tannins and driving acidity intertwine nicely against the lashings of red and blue fruits.
<b>CELLAR:</b>	Up to 20 years

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