THE PICT
2021

TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY

> MATARO (OR MOURVÉDRE AS IT IS CALLED IN FRANCE) WAS ONCE A 'WORKHORSE VARIETY' USED FOR FORTIFIED WINEMAKING IN AUSTRALIA, BUT IS NOW RECEIVING DUE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS A SUPERB VARIETAL TABLE WINE, TAKING ITS PLACE ALONGSIDE BAROSSA SHIRAZ AND GRENACHE.

A remnant quarry is the source of this single vineyard from which the fruit exhibits a wild, rugged aroma that is reminiscent of the earthy Mataros from the Bandol region of France.

Torbreck is the name of a forest near Inverness, Scotland and you'll find more than a passing nod to the Celts in our wine naming conventions. The Picts were a late Iron Age Early Medieval tribe that settled eastern and northern Scotland.

VINTAGE

The 2021 summer growing season was mild, with even and cool daily temperatures throughout. Enhanced by good rains provided during the winter and spring of 2020, our vineyards grew wonderful canopies and developed well-formed grape bunches. As a result of this long flavour development cycle in the vineyard, 2021's signature is wines of high aromatic lift with densely coloured tints and exceptional balance.

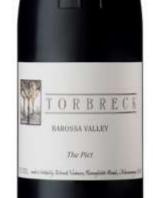|	
VARIETY:	100% Mataro
VINEYARDS:	Northern Greenock, Materne 'Quarry Block' Vineyard planted 1927
SUB-REGIONS:	Greenock
HARVEST:	15th March 2021
MATURATION:	20 months French barrique (50% new)
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 14% pH 3.47 Acidity 6.49/L
COLOUR:	Almost black when young
AROMA:	Black plums, maraschino cherry, earth, game meats and fennel seed.
PALATE:	Soft dense tannins, plush mid palate texture with enveloping tannins and earthy notes.
CELLAR:	7 to 10 years

TASTING

Aromas typical of the Mataro (Mourvedré) variety leap from the glass such as black plum and maraschino cherry, boysenberry, wild thyme, charcuterie, fennel seed and sarsaparilla root. A dense mouthfeel with plush fruits and soft enveloping tannins bind the palate seamlessly and ensure a very pleasurable experience. Drink from 2025 and best to 2032. Serve at 16C. Match with roasted red meats or full flavoured slow cooked dishes.