

**HILLSIDE VINEYARD
GRENACHE
2016**



T O R B R E C K

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.

- VARIETY:** 100% Grenache
VINEYARD: Hillside Vineyard Grenache block planted in 1949
SUB-REGION: Lyndoch
HARVEST: 7 March 2016
MATURATION: 15 months in a second fill 2400L 'Boutes' French oak foudre
ANALYSIS: 15.5% Alc/Vol
pH 3.48
Acidity 5.87g/L
COLOUR: Crimson with deep purple core
AROMA: Liquorice and aniseed, deep red and black fruits - pomegranate and blackberry. Hints of earth and clove
PALATE: Medium to full-bodied, plush, round palate weight with firm tannin grip
CELLAR: 7 to 10 years

VINTAGE

Despite a dry winter during 2015, rains in January and March 2016, freshened the older vines and provided long, slow ripening periods in between, which led to a stand-out vintage with high quality fruit.

TASTING

This unique parcel has all the bright, opulent fruit characteristics that we look for in dry grown Grenache combined with lavender, deep black berry fruit intensity and a 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 wine style we were looking to achieve.