

THE STEADING 2021



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.

VARIETY:	51% Grenache, 28% Shiraz 21% Mataro
VINEYARDS:	Multiple vineyards ranging from 40 to 150 year old vines
SUB-REGIONS:	Gomersal, Lyndoch, Greenock, Moppa, Marananga, Seppeltsfield, Ebenezer
HARVEST:	5 th March – 18 th April 2021
MATURATION:	20 months maturation on fine yeast lees in large 4500L French oak foudre vats. Natural malolactic conversion occurred during time in barrel
ANALYSIS:	Alc/Vol 15% pH 3.59 Acidity 5.43 g/L
COLOUR:	Deep crimson with a garnet rim
AROMA:	Red fruits dominate the aromas such as cranberry, pomegranate, and red cherry with spice and earthy, savoury notes coming from Grenache and Mataro planted on mineral laden soils.
PALATE:	Medium to full bodied with complexity and length across the palate. The firm tannins and driving acidity intertwine nicely against the lashings of red fruits and savoury complexity.
CELLAR:	Up to 15 years

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.

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Lifted aromas of red currant, pomegranate, red cherry and red plum. The secondary aromas of spice and earthy, such as clove, star anise, bay leaf and wild thyme add complexity.

The palate is medium to full-bodied with a dense core of plush red-berried fruits whilst leaning towards the savoury side. Firm tannins envelope the mouth and provide depth and a plushness with an elongated finish. The 2021 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 5-15 years. Serve at 16C