

WOODCUTTER'S SHIRAZ 2020



T O R B R E C K

BAROSSA VALLEY



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YOU'D IMAGINE A HIGH COUNTRY SCOTTISH WOODCUTTER MIGHT LIKE A FORTIFYING RED AT THE END OF THE DAY – SOMETHING RICH, WARMING, FULL BODIED... AND AFFORDABLE

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This wine reflects the up and coming Shiraz vineyards of the Barossa, rather than the battle hardened old vines that make up the core of our other cuvee's. But like all Torbreck wines, Woodcutter's - Shiraz receives the very best viticultural and winemaking treatment. Although this wine is constantly praised for its succulence and richness, there is also a complexity and texture which is rarely found at this price.

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. Semillon and Viognier were the starring whites, with delicate flavours and aromas. While the yields have been small, the overall quality has created deeply coloured and textured wines that resonate their place of origin.

TASTING

Full of freshness and bright youthful fruits, the 2020 vintage of Woodcutter's Shiraz possesses no small amount of exuberance and personality. Aromatic plum and black cherry with dark chocolate and intensity, yet refined. The balanced palate has a round central core of black and blue fruit that gives way to a complex mid-palate. While offering immense pleasure in its youth, the 2020 Woodcutter's Shiraz will certainly develop into an impressive wine with a few more years in the cellar. A fantastic introduction to the Torbreck range.

VARIETY:	100% Shiraz
SUB-REGIONS:	Marananga, Greenock, Seppeltsfield, Gomersal, Moppa, Lyndoch, Ebenezer
HARVEST:	2 nd March – 3 rd April 2020
MATURATION:	12 months in well-seasoned French oak hogsheads and Foudre
ANALYSIS:	AlcVol 15% pH 3.56 Acidity 6.3/L
COLOUR:	Deep garnet, hues of purple
AROMA:	Dark plum, blackberries, cassis, dark cherry, spice and vanilla.
PALATE:	Medium to full bodied, soft tannins and textural mouthfeel
CELLAR:	Drink now or cellar for up to 10 years
