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This is a wine of power, provenance and poise, sourced from pre-phyloxera own-rooted vines in some of the Barossa's finest sub-regions.



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## The Factor 2020

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The Factor 2020 is sourced primarily from the **Gomersal and Marananga** sub-regions, with additional parcels from **Krondorf and Ebenezer**. These areas in the western Barossa are renowned for their **ancient soils and low-yielding, dry-grown vineyards**, many of which were established in the 19th century. South Australia's early quarantine laws protected these vines from phylloxera, meaning many still thrive on their original rootstocks — a rarity globally.

The 2020 vintage presented numerous viticultural challenges. Strong winds during flowering reduced fruit set across much of the region, compounded by a **dry winter and spring**, and **intensely hot and dry conditions** through December and January. While yields were significantly down, the resulting fruit was **exceptionally concentrated**, particularly from old vines with deep roots that withstood the stress.

### Winemaking

The wine is made from **100% Shiraz**, harvested between **16th March and 3rd April 2020**. It underwent extended aging: **24 months in French oak barriques**, with a blend of **40% new, second fill, and seasoned barrels** to achieve both structure and elegance without overpowering the fruit.

Alcohol is **15%**, with a **pH of 3.55** and **acidity at 6.08 g/L**, striking a harmonious balance between density and freshness. The oak integration is precise, framing the wine's inherent richness without dominating its aromatic or structural profile.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep purple, almost opaque black.
- **Aroma:** Intensely aromatic with layers of **satsuma plum, blackberry, and boysenberry**, enriched by notes of **dark cocoa, vanilla bean**, and a hint of **maraschino liqueur**.
- **Palate:** Plush, dense and mouth-coating. The core of ripe black fruit is wrapped in velvety yet concentrated tannins. **Mineral accents** of Barossa ironstone, dried earth, and eucalyptus lend dimension. The finish is polished, long and elegant, sustained by refined acidity.

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Composition: 100% Syrah



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## Did you know?

The name "**The Factor**" refers to the historical term for the **manager of a Highland estate**, a nod to the Scottish heritage of many Barossa settlers. The wine pays tribute not just in name, but in stature — a commanding, deeply rooted expression of terroir and tradition.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wagyu beef short ribs with red wine jus:** The wine's richness and structure embrace the depth of flavor and unctuous texture.
- **Lamb tagine with prunes and spices:** The wine's sweet plum and maraschino notes echo the dish's dark fruit profile, while its structure balances the spice.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto with truffle oil:** Earthy flavors pair beautifully with the Shiraz's mineral and cocoa undertones.
- **Venison with wild berry compote:** A refined match that highlights the wine's fruit intensity and velvety mouthfeel.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2020)

*The 2020 The Factor is 100% Shiraz and made up of fruit from Gomersal, Krondorf, Marananga and Ebenezer in the Barossa Valley. The wine was matured for 24 months in a combination of new (40%) and seasoned French oak barriques. In the glass, the wine verges on black, and the nose echoes this abyss-like shade. Blackberry, blood plum, black cherry, licorice, campfire embers, cocoa dust, clove, iodine, vanilla pod and red dirt—this is the core of the wine, the beating heart. The tannins, like a skeleton that protects it, are velvety, plush and structural. Like a skeleton, the tannins are entrenched in the fruit, concealed by a skin of flavor. This is a sybaritic, superstar wine that reflects the warm, concentrated, dry, low-yielding vintage from whence it came. This is classic, polished, midnight Torbreck here.*



### James Halliday (JH) : 96 Points (2020)

*Shiraz from the parishes of Gomersal, Krondorf, Marananga and Ebenezer matured in French oak (40% new) for 24 months. This year's Factor sports an inky, graphite-led intensity of fruit and a sense of purity. Compression, too, with deep satsuma plum, blackberry and black cherry fruits initially feeling compact and tight before exploding onto the palate with substantial tannin heft and layers of dark spice, cedar, licorice and dark chocolate. While you could happily tuck into this tonight, it will cellar like a champion.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2020)

*Intense iron and blackberries with black olives. Salted licorice. Dried decadent meat, too. Full and rich with an intensity and density, yet it goes on and on. Muscular yet racy. This needs a few years to open, but not over done. Plenty of intensity.*



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