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A striking single-vineyard expression from old bush vines, this Grenache captures the sensual depth and finesse of Lyndoch's southern Barossa terroir.



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## Hillside Vineyard Grenache 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The **Torbreck Hillside Vineyard Grenache 2021** hails from the **Hillside Vineyard**, situated just north of the village of **Lyndoch** in the southern Barossa Valley. This is Torbreck's most southerly estate-owned site, and one of its most expressive. The vineyard lies on **gentle, westerly facing high slopes**, where the microclimate is slightly cooler than the Barossa average, allowing for slow ripening and exceptional flavour development.

Planted in **1949**, the **dry-grown bush vines** yield intensely concentrated Grenache fruit. The soils are composed of **dark red clay interspersed with shale, quartzite, and ironstone**, a complex matrix that encourages small berries, low yields, and depth of character. The **2021 growing season** was characterised by a cool, even summer and strong vine health thanks to solid rainfall in the preceding winter and spring. These conditions contributed to a long, flavour-driven ripening window—resulting in fruit with **vibrant aromatics, deep colour, and outstanding natural balance**.

### Winemaking

This **100% Grenache** wine is made from **multiple hand picks**, carried out between **13–23 March 2021**, allowing optimal ripeness across micro-parcels. The vinification included **partial whole-bunch fermentation**, enhancing aromatic lift, tannin finesse, and structural integrity—classic techniques that echo traditional Rhône-style Grenache.

Maturation took place over **18 months in a 2,400 L second-fill French oak foudre** (from Boutes cooperage), which softens and integrates the fruit without overshadowing it. This large-format vessel helps retain fruit purity while adding subtle savoury depth and texture. The result is a Grenache of **precision, plushness, and poise**, designed for both early enjoyment and graceful ageing.

Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 100% Grenache



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Crimson core with a plum-red hue.
- **Aroma:** Perfumed lift of red currant, red cherry, and white plum, interwoven with earth, clove, and savoury hints of dried herbs and old-world charm.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied and textural, with a long, finely etched acid spine. Tannins are tight, long, and seamlessly integrated, supporting a palate rich in vibrant red fruits and savoury nuance.

## Did you know?

Torbreck is one of the Barossa Valley's most acclaimed producers of Rhône varietals, and this **Hillside Vineyard Grenache** is one of its rarest single-site expressions—produced in limited quantities and only in vintages where old-vine Grenache can truly shine.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Chargrilled lamb chops with rosemary** – a classic match that highlights the wine's savoury spice and red fruit.
- **Duck breast with cherry glaze** – complements the plush texture and acidity.
- **Roasted eggplant with harissa and yoghurt** – brings out the wine's earthy, herbal side.
- **Grilled chorizo with romesco** – the spice and smokiness echo the clove and savoury notes in the wine.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

"How was 2021 for you, was it as good as I've heard?" I asked winemaker Ian Hongell. "I initially held my powder. But once the wines resolved in barrel, and they came out the other side, I knew they were pretty good. They weren't as obvious. There's a brightness to the 2021s; they're seamless, and there's lifted freshness," said Hongell. The fruit for this 2021 Hillside Vineyard Grenache is from the Hillside vineyard, planted 1949, in Lyndoch. It matured for 18 months in large form (2,400 liters) French oak foudre. This is very good. There is a core of sweet red fruit at the very heart of this wine, but it is wrapped in a casing of very fine, savory tannins. The alcohol is 15%, but it in no way minimizes the freshness of the fruit, and the cool season is evident in the outlay of flavor across the palate. To repeat, this is very good.



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