

Torbreck

Torbreck The Struie is an expressive and complex Shiraz, blending fruit from the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley. It showcases the harmonious interplay between these two prestigious regions, delivering a wine of both elegance and intensity.







Alcohol: 15,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

The Struie 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Torbreck The Struie sources its grapes from two distinct regions: the Barossa Valley and the Eden Valley.

The Barossa Valley, located in South Australia, is renowned for its rich, full-bodied Shiraz wines. The region's warm climate and diverse soil types, including clay, sandy loam, and red-brown earth, contribute to the bold flavors and dense textures typical of Barossa Valley Shiraz.

In contrast, the Eden Valley, also in South Australia, is known for its cooler climate due to its higher altitude, which ranges from 380 to 600 meters above sea level. This cooler climate, coupled with well-drained granite and sandy loam soils, produces Shiraz that is more aromatic and structured, with a characteristic elegance and minerality. The vineyards for The Struie have an average vine age of 50 years, ensuring concentrated and complex fruit .

Winemaking

Torbreck The Struie is made from 100% Shiraz grapes, with 57% sourced from the Barossa Valley and 43% from the Eden Valley. This vintage experienced a mild growing season with cool, even temperatures and beneficial winter and spring rains, promoting a long flavor development cycle.

The wine underwent 18 months of aging in French oak, with 20% new oak used to add subtle complexity without overpowering the fruit. The wine has an alcohol content of 15%, a pH of 3.60, and an acidity of 5.84 g/L.







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Tasting Notes

- Color: Deep crimson hue with an almost black core.
- **Aroma**: Lifted aromatics of blackberry, blueberry, milk chocolate, mineral, and graphite.
- **Palate**: Plush, dense, and textural with a long finish. The tannins are soft yet concentrated, supporting the powerful structure and fruit weight. Notes of black and blue fruits such as blackberry and blueberry compote, milk chocolate, with graphite and mineral complexity. The oak is barely noticeable and will integrate further with time .

Did you know?

The name "Struie" originates from a mountain in the rugged highlands of northeast Scotland, which overlooks Torbreck forest near Inverness. The view from Struie down across the Dornoch Firth is said to be as inspiring as the view of the Barossa Valley from the Barossa Ranges .

Wine Pairing Ideas

Torbreck The Struie pairs exceptionally well with rich, savory dishes:

- Steak Frites: The wine's robust structure and dark fruit flavors complement the savory and juicy steak, while its tannins cut through the richness of the fries.
- Texas BBQ Ribs: The wine's plush fruit and subtle oak harmonize with the smoky, spicy, and sweet flavors of BBQ ribs.
- Char Siu Pork: The soft tannins and complex fruit profile of The Struie balance the sweet and savory elements of Char Siu pork, enhancing the overall dining experience.



Robert Parker (RP): 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 The Struie is 100% Shiraz from both the Barossa (57%) and the Eden Valley (43%), and it matured for 18 months in French oak (20% new). The proportion of Eden Valley inclusion is usually around 25%, but in 2019, it was down to 10% due to the very low yields. So, this 2021 Struie is blue-fruited on the nose, with blueberry, licorice, black tea, crushed rocks, summer raspberry, layers of campfire embers and clove. It might be that in many of the tasting notes from 2021, that the wines outperform previous vintages. This is because the cool season was long, so great ripeness was achieved, without the stress or impact of heat events and disease. It's a lovely, lovely year that has made wines with freshness and intensity. The tannins through the finish here are savory and fine and black.



James Suckling (JS): 95 Points (2021)

This is fantastic with blackberries, peaches, and limes with some spice character. Graphite. Medium body. Fine and polished tannins with a fantastic deep silk texture and a long finish. Really want to drink this.







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Wine Spectator (WS): 94 Points (2021)

There's an appealing sense of restraint and balance to this red, with plenty of powerful notes of huckleberry, boysenberry and blueberry at the core, backed by more refined details of dried lavender, white pepper, gingerbread and Earl Grey tea. Shavings of dark chocolate and accents of clove linger on the long finish, gaining momentum. Shiraz. Drink now through 2033.



