Torbreck

Torbreck The Steading is a benchmark Barossa Valley blend of Grenache , Shiraz , and Mataro , offering a symphony of ripe red fruits, savory spice, and earthy complexity.

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The Steading 2022

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Steading is sourced from some of the Barossa Valley's most treasured old vines, located in sub-regions such as **Gomersal**, **Lyndoch**, **Greenock**, **Moppa**, **Marananga**, **Seppeltsfield**, and **Ebenezer**. These vines, ranging in age from 40 to 150 years, are deeply rooted in mineral-rich soils, contributing to the wine's depth and complexity. The resilience of these historic plantings, which survived the global phylloxera outbreak and Barossa's vine-pull scheme of the 1980s, is central to Torbreck's story.

The 2021 growing season was defined by a mild summer with even temperatures and a long ripening period. Winter and spring rains in 2020 replenished the soils, promoting healthy vine growth and well-formed grape clusters. These conditions allowed for an extended flavor development, resulting in wines with lifted aromatics, vibrant colors, and exceptional balance.

Winemaking

Torbreck The Steading is composed of **51% Grenache**, **28% Shiraz**, and **21% Mataro** , each contributing unique characteristics to the blend. The grapes were harvested between **March 5th and April 18th**, ensuring optimal ripeness. Fermentation was followed by **20 months of maturation** in large 4,500-liter French oak foudre vats. This extended time on fine lees allowed natural malolactic fermentation to occur, enhancing texture and complexity.

Grenache provides bright red fruit and spice, Shiraz adds structure and richness, and Mataro contributes earthy and savory depth. The resulting wine is a harmonious expression of Barossa's old vine resource, combining plush fruit flavors with refined tannins and a touch of minerality.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep crimson with a garnet rim.
- **Aroma**: A vibrant bouquet of cranberry, pomegranate, red cherry, and red plum, complemented by secondary notes of clove, star anise, bay leaf, and wild thyme.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied with a dense core of plush red fruit flavors, framed by firm tannins and savory complexity. A long, elegant finish underscores its balance and structure.
- **Finish**: Persistent and layered, with vibrant acidity lifting the wine's flavors.

Did You Know?

The name **The Steading** refers to a collection of barns and stables on a traditional Scottish farm. In the Barossa Valley, it symbolizes the blending of Grenache, Shiraz, and Mataro into a wine that honors the strength and legacy of the region's old vines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast Duck with Plum Sauce**: Complements the wine's plush fruit and savory nuances.
- **Herb-Crusted Lamb Chops**: Enhances the wine's earthy and spicy aromas.
- **Mushroom Risotto**: The wine's savory complexity aligns beautifully with the creamy, umami flavors.
- **Charcuterie and Aged Cheeses**: Highlights the wine's balance of fruit, spice, and acidity.

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 The Steading is incredibly sweet on the nose: summer raspberries, blood plums, black cherry, licorice, star anise, some cardamom and chewing tobacco. This offers insane value for money, at around $40AUD, but then, I feel like it has been that price for at least a decade, so it has been an insane value for a long time. This is reliable, delicious, complex, plush/generous and, through the lens of this lovely cool vintage, a superstar. The best yet.

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

I like the tannin tension to this with berry, dried meat and spice aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied with a firmness and brightness. Juicy finish. Nice texture at the end. Vivid. Grenache, shiraz and mataro.

Wine Spectator (WS) : 92 Points (2020)

Dense and succulent, showing bittersweet chocolate, plum, huckleberry, wild raspberry and black pepper, with a hint of plumeria providing a fragrant note on the long, generous finish. Reveals plump tannins, which have some traction on the finish. Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro. Drink now.