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Torbreck Woodcutter's Semillon 2024 is a bright, textured Barossa white, marrying citrus lift, chalky freshness and quiet savoury depth in a beautifully food-friendly style.

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Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Barossa Valley is better known internationally for powerful Shiraz, yet Semillon has a long and meaningful history here. Torbreck notes that Semillon was among the early white grape varieties planted by the first settlers around 160 years ago, and that the region's Mediterranean climate and careful farming have helped preserve old, low-yielding Semillon vineyards.

For Woodcutter's Semillon, this heritage is expressed in a dry, savoury and food-friendly style inspired by the white wines of central and southern France. The wine reflects Barossa's capacity to produce **textured, age-worthy Semillon** with natural acidity, medium body and citrus precision. The 2024 vintage is described in trade notes as a strong South Australian year, warm and dry after the wetter 2023 season, giving healthy fruit and excellent focus.

Winemaking

Torbreck Woodcutter's Semillon 2024 is made from Semillon, including the Barossa's traditional pink-skinned Madeira clone, a robust old selection particularly associated with the region. The style is not simply light and lemony. Torbreck presents it as a more savoury, textured interpretation, shaped by both freshness and subtle winemaking complexity.

The wine is matured in a combination of stainless steel and seasoned French barriques, preserving citrus purity while adding gentle roundness and texture. Natural malolactic fermentation contributes a buttery dimension, while the 2024 profile remains firm, tight and energetic. Published technical information lists the wine at **13% alcohol**, with vegan and vegetarian suitability, and suggests it can be enjoyed young or aged for up to 15 years to develop brioche and lemon-curd pastry notes.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Sémillon

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale lemon with a green glint, bright and youthful, suggesting freshness, precision and the taut structure typical of dry Barossa Semillon.
- **Aroma:** Lifted citrus aromas of Amalfi lemon, kaffir lime and grapefruit pith, layered with lemon myrtle, lime blossom, white nectarine and a subtle chalky nuance.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied, dry and focused, with needle-like acidity, lime zest, mandarin rind and a clean mineral edge. The finish is firm, refreshing and quietly persistent.

Did you know?

Barossa Semillon has a deeper local story than many consumers realise. Long before the global fame of Barossa Shiraz, Semillon was already part of the region's white-wine heritage. Torbreck's use of the traditional Madeira clone gives Woodcutter's Semillon a distinctive identity, combining **citrus brightness with savoury texture** and impressive ageing potential.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled prawns with lemon and herbs:** The wine's citrus drive and cleansing acidity sharpen the sweetness of shellfish and echo the lemon seasoning.
- **Roast chicken with garlic and thyme:** Medium body and gentle texture work beautifully with white meat, while the savoury edge complements roasted aromatics.
- **Seared scallops with cauliflower purée:** Semillon's chalky freshness balances the richness of scallops and the creamy softness of the purée.
- **Goat cheese tart:** Lime, grapefruit and floral notes lift the tang of goat cheese, while the dry finish keeps the pairing elegant and appetising.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2024)

The 2024 Woodcutter's Semillon is from a spectacular year in South Australia. It was warm and dry and everything good—"Goldilocks," in the words of winemaker Ian Hongell. On the back of the wet 2023 season, the soils were charged with moisture, and the growing year proceeded with calm and health. Everyone I met with so far, from both Barossa and McLaren Vale, has stars in their eyes about this vintage. Here, the wine leads with fresh-cut straw, lemon pith, green apple skin and white flowers. The wine is sleek on the palate; the phenolics are chalky and kick in through the middle palate and finish, but it remains a tightly focused, streamlined wine. I like the focus and detail here; the wine shows length and precision, but it has very little width and breadth, which are attributes in Barossa Semillon.

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James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2024)

Vibrant and fresh, with aromas of white nectarines, peaches and lemon pith. The palate is medium-bodied with focused acidity and a generous mouthfeel, giving notes of lime zest, chalk and mandarin rind. Easygoing with a nice texture.