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From the rising vineyards of Barossa, the 2022 Woodcutter's Shiraz reveals an elegant interplay between wild fruit intensity and a seamless oak-driven polish.



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## Woodcutter's Shiraz 2022

Barossa Valley, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The Torbreck Woodcutter's Shiraz 2022 hails from the Barossa Valley, a region renowned for its sun-drenched landscapes and storied viticultural heritage. The fruit is sourced from younger vineyard sites in subregions including Marananga, Greenock, Seppeltsfield, Gomersal, Moppa, Lyndoch, and Ebenezer. These areas bring together a tapestry of microclimates and soil compositions, contributing distinct aromatic profiles and structural nuances to the final blend.

Unlike the gnarled centenarian vines featured in Torbreck's flagship cuvées, the Woodcutter's showcases the promise of newer plantings, managed with the same precision and reverence. The 2022 growing season was marked by plentiful winter rainfall replenishing water tables after a dry autumn. A mild summer followed, allowing for an extended ripening period. The result: berries of vibrant acidity, dense colour, and nuanced tannin ripeness, with yields slightly reduced by a spring hailstorm—contributing to the wine's concentration and textural elegance.

### Winemaking

Made entirely from Shiraz, the 2022 Woodcutter's is a focused representation of varietal purity and regional charm. Fruit was harvested between mid-March and early May, undergoing meticulous vinification designed to preserve and elevate its expressive aromatics and supple texture.

Aged for 12 months in well-seasoned French oak hogsheads and foudres, the wine benefits from subtle oxidative integration without overt oak influence. This choice emphasizes fruit vibrancy and structure, while allowing the wine to soften and develop complexity. The use of large-format vessels ensures tannin management is precise, maintaining the elegance that is becoming a hallmark of this cuvée.

Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep crimson with brilliant violet edges.
- **Aroma:** An exuberant mix of dark plum, black cherry, wild blackberry, mulberry, and cassis, with underlying notes of sandalwood, wild thyme, and a hint of rosemary.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied, this Shiraz is layered with succulent dark fruits and framed by soft, caressing tannins. Its texture is voluptuous yet controlled, with a lingering finish marked by forest floor nuances and a touch of sweet spice.

## Did you know?

The name "Woodcutter's Shiraz" is a homage to the early days of winemaker David Powell, who worked as a lumberjack in the Torbreck forest in Scotland—an experience that inspired not just the estate's name but its ethos of craftsmanship and respect for nature.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-cooked lamb shoulder:** The wine's plush texture and dark fruit core beautifully complement the richness and umami of lamb.
- **Chargrilled ribeye steak:** Its tannin structure and herbal undertones enhance grilled meats, especially with rosemary or peppercorn crusts.
- **Mushroom risotto:** The earthy tones in the wine pair harmoniously with wild mushrooms and creamy textures.
- **Smoked brisket:** A perfect match for the wine's smoky sandalwood and spice profile.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2022)

*The 2022 Woodcutter's Shiraz is a brilliant entrée to Barossa Shiraz. It exhibits all the earthy, red gravel, ironstone characters that infuse the tannic structure, while fleshed out by dense, purple fruit. It has levity and balance and freshness too, which is ultimately what makes it a great wine. There's gorgeous splay of spicy tannins, chewy and a little grippy. Matured for 10 months in seasoned oak, "the 2023 is coming out of oak as we speak now," says winemaker Ian Hongell. The fruit for this wine cascades down from a number of different sources within the Barossa (including Eden Valley). It's very good. 15% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2021)

*Lovely ripened blackberries and raspberries. Al dente. Full-bodied yet so refined and focused with crisp acidity and ultra-fine, creamy tannins. Succulent and crunchy but focused and structured. Bright and purposeful. Drink after 2024 but already hard to hold back. Screw cap. (10/2022)*



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**James Halliday (JH) : 92 Points (2019)**

*Blend of 7 districts across the full expanse of the Barossa floor; matured 12 months in well-seasoned French oak hogsheads and foudre. Glossy, deep, spicy and strong, this is a serious play for the first in Torbreck's arsenal of 9 Barossa shirazes. A full, vibrant purple hue anticipates depth of spicy blood plums, blackberries and mulberries. Dark chocolate oak and medium-grained tannins sit just as they should on a long and generous finish. No nonsense, just joy. \*Silver\* (TS) (8/2021)*



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