



TORBRECK WINERY WOODCUTTER'S SEMILLON 2022/\$19.99



DESCRIPTION

“SINCE 1994 TORBRECK HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO CREATING EXCEPTIONAL RHONE STYLE RED AND WHITE WINES REFLECTING THE VERY BEST VINEYARDS IN AUSTRALIA’S FAMOUS BAROSSA VALLEY.”

Provenance is everything to them. They believe that Barossa is the most exciting place to make wine in the world, with its gentle Mediterranean climate and 175 years of Silesian and English commitment to winemaking and grape-growing.

There is a European sense of tradition here that means vines planted in the 1840s – many of them Rhone varieties such as Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre – still thrive and bear fruit of unique concentration and flavor.

Torbreck pays tribute to these vineyards with minimal intervention, creating wines of richness, structure, and length that age gracefully.

The multi-generational growers, whose descendants arrived there nearly two centuries ago, are the backbone of Torbreck’s winemaking aspirations. Without their knowledge of the seasons and the soil, they would not have such a precious resource of fruit to work with.

Torbreck has also been fortunate to have the opportunity to invest in the protection of some of the Barossa’s most precious vineyards, after accepting fruit from them over many years. The historic Hillside Vineyard at Lyndoch, The Laird Vineyard in the sub-region of Marananga and the Greenock Keller Vineyard owned by the Schultz family, are all now under the custodianship of Torbreck.

In 2008 this long-term commitment to the Barossa was cemented when they completed their winery and bottling line, enabling them to achieve maximum quality control through 100% estate vinification, maturation, and packaging.

Their latest development was the 2017 expansion of their original settler's cottage cellar door to become an international guest centre, where they are proud to welcome their many friends and collectors from the USA, Asia, Europe, and Australia.

Torbreck has achieved a lot in less than three decades, but the journey is a long way from complete. In fact they remind themselves every day that the best Barossa grapes are yet to be picked and the finest Torbreck wines are yet to be made.

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The natural acidity and medium body of the Semillon grape takes great pride in the 100+ year old Barossa Valley vineyards that are naturally suited to the region.

The 2022 Woodcutter's Semillon is from two vineyards; the Schulz vineyard (Ebenezer) and Philippou vineyard (Rowland Flat), and the two patches in this latter vineyard are picked independently. (The "old" part was planted 1893, and the "young" in 1900. These are "full Madeira clones," says Ian Hongell, meaning they're purple/red berries—the variety has the ability to switch from green to red at veraison.) Both are sand vineyards, picked, and fermented separately.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

A wine that shows lifted aromas of fresh citrus fruits of kaffir lime, grapefruit pith, and tangerine balance by aromatic perfume of citrus flowers and infused candlewax.

Palate:

The palate is tangy with long acidity and cleansing to the finish. Enjoy as either a fresh young wine or age for up to 15 years to reveal brioche, lemon curd pastry like notes.

Pairing: Fish, seafood, vegetarian, light meats like chicken, pork, turkey, and duck.

Winery Website: [Torbreck Vintners | Our Story](#)

Fun Facts

The 2022 vintage was a beautiful cool season in the Barossa, and this wine here is aromatically fresh and tight. In the mouth, the wine is salty and textural—from part (40%) of the blend being matured in seasoned barriques; "texture without a phenolic fingerprint." This has salted yellow grapefruit, lemon peel, hints of saffron, layers of green apple and a hint of spring florals. It is really good, engaging, delicious. **—Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 93**

Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia

