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2004 Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz

TORBRECK'S entry point wine gets better each vintage, a considerable achievement given its volume has grown year by year. The 2004 Woodcutter's Shiraz (91 points, \$19.95) is, like its predecessors, of 100% Barossa origin, and is aged for 11 months in used oak barrels. It is already apparent that 2004 was a far, far better vintage in the Barossa than 2003; indeed, some wines may yet challenge their 2002 counterparts.

The Woodcutter's Shiraz is medium bodied, with delicious blackberry, plum and raspberry fruit supported by gentle, ripe tannins. Bottled under screwcap, it shows no hint of reduction, and is enjoyable now as it will be in 5 years, making it a snap choice on any restaurant wine list that doesn't put a greedy mark-up on the wine simply because it has Torbreck parentage.

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