

AGRICOLA VINTNERS

Barossa Valley - Australia

Background

Winemaker Callum Powell is the son of Dave Powell from Torbreck, but in this case, the apple did fall far from the tree. Callum's style is more reminiscent of the other names who shaped his wine education: Jean-Louis Chave, Tyrell's, Jasper Hill, & Wild Duck Creek. His Syrahs iuxtapose the Barossa and Eden valley climates and are named after the towns from which the fruit is sourced, which harkens back to his time working with site-specific wines in Hermitage. Callum makes another parallel to Hermitage when describing the profile of his wines. He likens the Flaxman wine to Les Bessards, which has the bones, and the Ebenezer wine to Le Meal, which has the flesh. In the cellar, Callum is light-handed, but he's not dogmatic. He will add an organic yeast nutrient if he needs it, and he adds sulfur just before bottling. "I think what's much more important than making something that is 'natural' is making something that is delicious and has this traceability of place," Callum says when asked if he'd call himself a 'natural winemaker.' Bingo. This kid gets it. And the wines? Well, they're nothing short of spectacular.

Highlights



Callum is one of the few next-gen producers in Australia's Barossa Valley.



Grapes are sourced from some of Australia's greatest growers, including the Hoffmann family.



Callum's style is much more delicate than his dad's at Torbreck, and he strays away from heavy oak, which the Barossa is known for.

Wines



Eden Valley Syrah SRP \$100

The 'Flaxman' comes from three sites in the cooler Eden Valley with an average age of 53-years. Savory, aromatic, lean tannins.

Barossa Valley Syrahs SRP \$100-\$115

This group consists of 'DWxHV', 'Ebenezer,' 'Kalimna Sands,' and 'Theel's Handfibel.' The fruit comes from a mix of Hoffmann and Asbroek family sites. Darker fruits, rounder, more gliding tannins.

Ethos







Packaging



Press

96+ points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"It is a wine of the land and the time, a thrilling expression of Eden Vallev."

- Erin Larkin on 'Flaxman' 2022