



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '150 Year Old Vines'

## 1858 Field Blend 2016

*Grenache - Mourvèdre - Malbec*

### Heritage

Château Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of some of the first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s as well as the Valley's first winery. The Château is an Australian heritage icon whose grand buildings, magnificent gardens and prime vineyards are owned by the Geber family. In the Barossa, the family continue their own tradition of fine winemaking which spans back over three centuries.

### Vineyard

One of the oldest field blends in the world of Grenache, Mourvedre and Malbec planted in 1858. This small block in Springton in the Eden Valley is home to classified 'Ancestor' vines, dry grown as bushvines on their original rootstock. The block yields just over 1 ton of grapes in the best of vintages, which are hand-picked into small picking baskets to optimize fruit health.

### Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed and fermented in a small open stainless steel fermenter over 10 days. We gently hand plunge the must several times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is then basket-pressed and allowed to naturally complete malolactic fermentation, before 18 months' maturation in French oak puncheons. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

### Tasting Note

Lovely floral and spicy complexities, with hints of fruits of the forest, pepper and ginger snap. The palate displays the full range of dark berries, Mediterranean herbs, and savoury pan jus elements. It is tight and compact, intense and deep, firm and taut, with nicely measured grip and tremendous length. A powerhouse of a wine, but also one possessed of great elegance.

### 98 POINTS

*Review by:* Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Immensely complex and majestic, the wine shows dark fruit intensity with seductive nuances of charcuterie, dried herb, dark chocolate, clove and cedar on the nose. It's substantial and opulent on the palate, exhibiting exceptional depth and multi-layered mouthfeel, while remaining refined and harmonious. Symphonic, engaging and thought-provoking. At its best: 2026 to 2046.

### 97 POINTS

*Review by:* Nick Butler, Huon Hooke's The Real Review

Dark plum colour in the glass. It's imposing and forceful when swirled, intense berry and plum fruits - quality, toasty oak - loads of moving parts. The palate is intensely-fruited: red, blue, purple and black berries, all tamed by that beautiful French oak. Built to live decades. An excellent wine.



Alc/Vol:	15%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.3 g/L	Maturation:	18 months French oak
RS:	0.5 g/L	Optimal Drinking:	2022-35
pH	3.5	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe

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