



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '150 Year Old Vines' 1858 Field Blend 2013

*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 handpicked into small picking baskets to optimise 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 in a single French oak puncheon, before 18 months maturation in our cellars. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

## Reviews

*"Deepish red colour with a tinge of purple. Lovely floral and spicy complexities, with hints of pepper and ginger snap. The palate 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. The spice and floral touches are sensational. Almost infinite cellaring potential."* - 97 Points – Huon Hooke

*"The crowning glory is the 150 Year Old Vines Field Blend, a tantalising bottle of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Malbec grown, picked and fermented together from the vineyard David Randall established at his South Rhine Estate east of Springton between 1858 and 1873. This is one of the truly great and rare Australian treasures."* – Philip White

Alc/Vol:	15.7%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.2 g/L	Maturation:	18 months French oak
RS:	0.6 g/L	Potential Cellaring:	10-30 Years
pH	3.52	Winemaker:	Stuart Bourne



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