

# '50 Year Old Vines' Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

## 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 one of the Valley's first wineries. The 'Old Vines' series showcases the significant history and special wine characteristics of a selection of old vine vineyards for which the Barossa valley is world famous. The Barossa Old Vines Charter was instituted to register vineyards by age, so that older vines could be preserved, retained and promoted.

### **Vineyard**

These Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from this wine come from our single estate vineyard in the Bethany subregion of the Barossa. These low-yielding "Barossa Old Vines" were planted over 50 years ago and are now fully mature. They have a root structure and trunk thickness that encourage diversity of flavor and character. Their worthiness has been proven over many vintages, consistently producing the highest quality fruit.

## Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed, but not crushed, and spend seven days on their skins in open fermenters with twice daily hand-plunging and pumping over of the cap to more gently extract colour, flavours and tannins. This is followed by careful basket pressing and 18 months maturation in a combination of new and seasoned French oak.

In keeping with our non-interventionalist winemaking style we neither fine nor filter this wine.

#### **Production**: 8664 bottles

## **Tasting Notes**

Deep magenta in colour with a vibrant nose of dark fruit, chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon aromas. An exotic and full-bodied palate driven by flavours of fruits of the forest, blackcurrant and a savoury spice bound together by succulent fine-grained tannins. A wine of great length which will reward many years in the cellar.

Alc/Vol:	14.5%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.5 g/l	Maturation:	18 months new and seasoned French barrique
RS:	<2 g/l	Potential Cellaring:	15 years from vintage
рН	3.5	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe





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**Review by: MUNDUS Vini** 

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#### Review by: Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate

Deep, dark, rich and complex, the 2016 50 Year Old Vines Cabernet Sauvignon is a treat to taste. Earthy, tobacco-like notes add interest to the plum and cassis fruit, picking up subtle hints of toast and vanilla. It's full-bodied and expansive on the palate yet retains an appropriate varietal sense of reserve, leading into a long, elegant finish. Drink 2020 – 2030

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