

ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '50 Year Old Vines' Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

## 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.

## **Tasting Note**

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



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Winemaker:

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#### **95 POINTS**

#### Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Magnificent, complex and engaging, this stunning rendition shows blackcurrant, dark plum, spicy oak, thyme and cocoa notes on the nose. It's equally impressive on the palate with excellent concentration and richness, wonderfully complemented by polished tannins and velvety mouthfeel. At its best: now to 2037.

#### GOLD MEDAL

**Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2020** 

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**Review by: Global Cabernet Masters 2020** 

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#### Review by: Mike Bennie, Wine Business Magazine

An incredibly powerful Cabernet that feels stoic in the glass- big colour, big and rich fruit character, big and smooth tannins all feature. It stains the palate with fruit, spice and light oak character, rolls impossibly long and stays around with that sweet-spice feel. All that said, it is impeccably balanced and even. A real, big treat. Density and grace hand-in-hand.

#### **96 POINTS**

#### **Review by: James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2021**

From vines in the heart of Bethany, small open fermenters, matured in French oak for 18 months. It's the great '17 vintage that makes this wine stand out, the cool season more suited to cabernet than any other red variety in the Barossa Valley. Drink by 2047



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