



THE OLD COOPERAGE CABERNET MALBEC

2011

Heritage

Château Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of the very first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s. 'The Chateau' is a heritage icon, the grand buildings, magnificent gardens and vineyards are owned by the Geber family who continue the century old tradition of fine winemaking.

The Old Cooperage celebrates the historic relationship between Château Tanunda and A.P. John Coopers. The John family began operating as coopers in 1889 when Christian Paul John established the Château Tanunda Cooperage. Since the five generations of the John family have worked in viticulture, winemaking, and coopering in the Barossa.

Vineyard

For this limited release wine we selected Cabernet Sauvignon (73%) from the Altona and Bethany sub-regions and Malbec (27%) from the Nuriootpa and vine vale sub-regions with the parcels matured for eighteen months in seasoned A.P. John barrels.

Winemaking

All of the grapes were fermented separately at the winery in small 3 tonne fermenters. The grapes were destalked (separating berries from the bunch) and placed uncrushed into small stainless steel open fermenters. A cultured yeast was used to start the fermentation and the tanks were hand plunged spending 7 days on skins at 28° C. Further maturation in a mixture of AP John French and American oak for 18 months has resulted in a wine of great structure and finesse.

Tasting note

This synergistic duo seamlessly combines the elegance, power and structure only achievable in a blended wine. Lifted aromas of blackberry, blueberry and black pepper supported by spicy, dark berry fruits on the palate with a long elegant finish.

Analysis

pH 3.43.

TA 7.26g/L

RS 1.90g/L

Alc. 14.8%

Oak (Age & Type)

American and French oak hogsheads .
New & seasoned oak.

Winemaker
Stuart Bourne

Cellar Time

5 - 10 years

Bottled under
Cork



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