

The Chateau

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009

Heritage

Chateau Tanunda was established in 1890 and started what is now over a century old tradition of fine wine making. '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 wine making.

Vineyard

The grapes for this year's Chateau Cabernet Sauvignon were grown on the sandy loam soils of block 16 in our Bethany vineyard which was first planted in 1960.

Winemaking

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 10 days on skins at 22 - 28° C. The skins were gently pressed in the JLB Vaslin Bucher press giving a soft tannin structure to the wine. Finally the wine was left on its lees to give texture and mid-palate weight along with 24 months barrel maturation in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barriques and hogsheads.

Tasting note

'The Chateau' Cabernet Sauvignon displays deep, rich purple and red hues. The bouquet has lifted aromas of blackcurrant, redcurrant and spice on the velvety smooth palate with hints of cedar and mint. The complex structure and powerful finish lingers on the palate giving the wine great length.

Analysis

pH 3.42

TA 8.05g/L

RS 3.10g/L

Alc. 14.5%

Oak (Age & Type)

French oak Barriques (225l) & Hogsheads (300l) & 10 % New & 3 - 4 year old

Winemaker

Tim Smith

Cellar Time

8 - 10 years

Cases

500

Bottled under

Cork



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