

The Chateau

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2012

Heritage

Chateau Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of the very first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s. 'The Chateau' is an Australian heritage icon and its 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 The Chateau Cabernet Sauvignon were grown on the sandy loam soils of blocks 12 and 16 of our Bethany vineyard which was first planted in 1960.

Winemaking

The grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, and spent 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 was followed by careful basket pressing and malolactic fermentation in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels prior to eighteen months' maturation in our cellars.

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 extensive finish is framed by elegant, fine-grained tannins from two years' maturation in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels.



Analysis

pH 3.52
TA 7.49g/L
RS 2.4g/L
Alc 14.00%

Oak

French oak
Barriques and
hogsheads
Winemaker
Stuart Bourne

Cellar Time

Either drink fresh and young or
cellar to enhance complexity.
Match Roast lamb, wild game and
mushrooms.

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