

The Château

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heritage

Château Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of the very first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s. 'The Château' 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 an estate vineyard in the Bethany sub-region of the Barossa 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 Château' 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.

Anal pH	lysis 3.52	Oak New and seasoned French oak barrels	Cellar Time Either drink fresh and young or cellar to enhance complexity.
ТА	6.82g/L	Winemaker	Matah
RS	2.6g/L	Stuart Bourne	Match Roast lamb, wild game and mushrooms.
Alc	14.5%	Bottled under cork	



2013



91 POINTS

Review by: Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

"From a vineyard planted in the 60s in the Bethany sub region of the Barossa Valley. Juicy wine, so much so that you might even call it 'perky'. Sweet redcurrant, raspberry and aniseed, Turkish Delight, some nougat oak and spice. Medium to full bodied, plump sweet red fruits and plum, grainy tannin makes a play, but stays within bounds. Some tobacco and savoury stuff and a well-rounded finish. Not the most defined or precise of wines, but lovely and fleshy and good to drink. Barossa Cabernet can be a good thing to tuck into."

91 POINTS

Review by: James Suckling, jamessuckling.com

A juicy, fruity wine with lots of ripe-fruit and currant character. Full body, silky tannins and a long, flavorful finish. A little jammy but shows focused, bright fruit character. Drink or hold. 91/100

GOLD MEDAL

Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2015

