

ICON OF THE BAROSSA

The Verest

Grenache 2012

Heritage

This wine represents the absolute pinnacle of winemaking here at Château Tanunda. We select only the very best grapes from individual vineyard blocks in exceptional vintages and set aside only the highest quality part of the fermented wines for maturation in the finest French oak only. We then make a barrel selection of the finest wines to produce no more than three barrels of the pinnacle, or Everest, of that vintage.

Vineyard

The 2012 vintage comes from a single block off the Mattchoss in the western Greenock sub-region, a small block of 40 year old bush vines. Yields from these dry grown old bush vines are controlled to less than 1ton/acre with careful viticultural management, allowing for optimum ripening conditions and best possible quality Grenache. Hand picked at optimum ripeness.

Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed and fermented in small open new French puncheon over 18 days for extended skin contact. We gently hand plunge the must several times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins.

Prior to basket pressing, the finest part of the must is run off and racked to three seasoned French oak barriques to naturally complete malolactic fermentation before 23 months maturation on lees . Bottled unfined and unfiltered. Three years bottle aging in our cellars prior to release.

		Closure:	Cork	
TA:	5.4 g/l	Maturation:	23 Months Seasoned French Oak	
RS:	>2 g/l	Potential Cellaring:	10-15 Years	



Alc/Vol:

14.5%

Winemaker:

Stuart Bourne



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Score: SILVER OUTSTANDING

Review by: International Wine & Spirit Competition 2014

Deep garnet red with purple hues. The nose starts with some musky sweet notes, loganberry and framboise notes follow. The palate is rather plush and velvety even at this stage. Very concentrated fruit flavours, ripe, open-knit but quite dense tannins and a buoyant spicy finish.

Score: 95 POINTS

Review by: Huon Hooke, huonhooke.com

Medium to full red/purple colour; spicy aromas, earthy too. Soft, fleshy, smooth palate, lovely balance and flavour. Raspberries, but also quite complex. Soft, fine tannins. Very elegant. A lighter, more ethereal iteration of this style.

Score: 95 POINTS

Review by: Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

From a section of the Mattschoss vineyard in the Greenock sub-region. Looks to have a fair amount of new French oak thrown at it. Much like Nebbiolo, I don't like new oak and Grenache, but plenty do. We can only help guide them. Seductive style here, and it presents as almost svelte and exotic, rather than hot and burly. Layers of creamy clove spice oak and exotic perfume, ripe raspberry and cherry, vanilla and flowers, subtle earthiness. Medium to full bodied, fluid and smooth, with silky tannin and a mouth-coating quiet presence. Has length too – all fresh fruit and oak spice – with a pleasantly firm dry finish.

Score: 94 POINTS

Review by: James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2020

Rolls Royce treatment throughout, but maturation in 100% new French oak sits on the fruit at this stage. It's a gamble at this price, but yet further time in bottle could see a transformation of the wine. Drink By 2026



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