

## The Everest

# Old Vine Grenache 2016

### 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 2016 vintage comes from a small parcel of 100+ year old Grenache bush vines from the Greenock sub-region of the Barossa. Yields from these vines have naturally reduced to less than 1ton/acre with careful viticultural management, allowing for optimum ripening conditions and best possible quality Grenache.

### Winemaking

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted before destemming and fermenting in small open fermenters. We gently hand plunge the must four times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins. After careful basket pressing, the wine is matured in finest French oak barrels for 18 months, prior to a further 24 months bottle maturation in our cellars.

### Tasting Note

The nose displays notes of blueberry, kirsch, marzipan and an intense licorice spice. The wine is incredibly dense and multi-layered yet still retains an elegance and softness as well as a textural purity the few wines can achieve. Supple tannins from the gentle basket press merely complement the fruit, silky and rich yet impressively interwoven into the wine.

Alc/Vol:	15%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	5.3 g/l	Maturation:	18 months seasoned French oak barrels 24 months in bottle
RS:	>2 g/l	Peak Drinking:	2020-2034
pH:	3.47	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe





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**Score: 94 POINTS**

**Review by: Huon Hooke, The Real Review**

Medium to deep red colour with a tint of purple, the bouquet holds sweet berries and a hint of menthol. It's very lush and sweetly ripe, a decadent wine. The mint is the attractive peppermint kind. Good spiciness, too. The palate is decadently sweet-fruited and lush, jammy and succulent...Drink 2019-2031

**Score: 97 POINTS**

**Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**

A stunning expression of the variety; the perfumed bouquet shows raspberry, dark cherry, olive, thyme and floral aromas, leading to a concentrated palate that's expansive and mouthfilling with a seamless flow. Varietally pure with sensual complexity, making it irresistible and gratifying. At its best: 2022 to 2040.

**Score: 94 POINTS**

**Review by: James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2021**

From a small parcel of 100yo dry-grown bushvines. Hand-picked and sorted into a 1t open fermenter. Basket-pressed before 18 months maturation in used French oak. Ultra-traditional full-bodied wine endowed with ample supply of heat. Drink by 2026

**Score: 94 POINTS**

**Review by: Andrew Caillard MW**

Medium crimson. Developed liquorice, sage, musky plum redcurrant aromas with underlying roasted walnut, polished leather notes. Generous, warm and supple with sweet musky plum, roasted walnut, praline, chinotto flavours, fine silky textures and integrated long acidity. Aniseed, liquorice heat at the finish. Voluminous and richly flavoured with secondary characters giving complexity and interest... best to drink soon.

