

The Everest

Old Vine Grenache 2018

Heritage

This wine represents the absolute pinnacle of winemaking here at Chateau 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 2018 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:	14.9%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	5.9 g/l	Maturation:	18 months seasoned French oak barrels 24 months in bottle
RS:	>2 g/l	Peak Drinking:	2024-2035
pH:	3.5	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe





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Score: 95 POINTS

Review by: Andrew Caillard MW

Deep crimson. Scented/ lifted musky plum, mulberry aromas with background sage, herbs and Australian brush notes. Concentrated, round and satin-smooth with deep set musky plum, mulberry, raspberry fruits, gingerbread, roasted chestnut savoury notes, plentiful looseknit chalky fine tannins and integrated acidity. Finishes long and sweet with lasting aniseed notes. A classic Barossa grenache with lovely colour, density and alcohol balance. Not a long-lasting style and worth drinking sooner than later. Drink now – 2028

Score: 98 POINTS

Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Immensely complex and engaging, the bouquet shows dark berry, spicy oak, thyme and game characters with a touch of dark cocoa. It's delicious on the palate offering outstanding concentration and silky flow, wonderfully complemented by savoury nuances and polished tannins. At its best: 2024 to 2040.

Score: 96 POINTS

Review by: Huon Hooke, The Real Review

Deep red colour with purple still lingering in the meniscus. The bouquet is red-fruited, raspberries to the fore, but cloaked in other complexing aromas such as peppermint, crushed leaf and subtle spices, while the palate is decadently rich and fruit-sweet, opulent and lush, with abundant soft tannins caressing and cleansing the long-lasting finish. Lovely balance: oak if used at all is discreet. Terrific length. A truly gorgeous grenache. Peak Drinking 2021-2036

GRAND GOLD MEDAL

Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2022

Score: 95 POINTS

Review by: Jeni Port, Wine Pilot

The drinker is left in no doubt that the producer is aiming high with The Everest name. The bottle is heavy, deep punted and expensive. The price tag is an eye-watering \$330 a bottle and, weighing inattentive 15% alcohol, it is certainly in the upper reaches for the Grenache grape. That said, the Rhone grape carries it well.

There are structures in place – tannin and oak – holding firm and keeping the wine's big, complex personality in check. Aromas are heady. Earth-clay, blackberry, liquorice, lifted spices of clove, rosemary and, throughout, the lilting thread of aromatic lavender. A lovely clarity of fruit on the palate together with grenache confection notes. It is matched by complimentary savouriness of earth, prune, leather. All is securely in place for a long life.

Score: 93 POINTS

Review by: Angus Hughson, Wine Pilot

The team at Chateau Tanunda have thrown everything at this wine and made what is clearly a house style of grenache. While many new wave grenache from the Barossa and McLaren Vale are now hitting the market with a focus on pretty and subtle styles, this is a chunky wine with the inherent richness of the Barossa and Greenock on full show.

Deeply coloured and flavoured, it opens up with bold liquorice, baked earth and spicy notes over a bed of dark cherry and boysenberry fruits – French oak well matched thanks to 18 months in barrel. The palate takes a more structural turn, fruit and oak tannins coming together to provide a firm backbone with mouthfilling blackberry and fruit pastille flavours giving a distinctly decadent feel before a long and strong finish. It's a big wine for sure, an Everest you might say.

