



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '150 Year Old Vines' 1858 Field Blend 2015

*Grenache - Mourvèdre - Malbec*

## Heritage

Chateau Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of some of the first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s as well as the Valley's first winery. The Chateau is an Australian heritage icon whose grand buildings, magnificent gardens and prime vineyards are owned by the Geber family. In the Barossa, the family continue their own tradition of fine winemaking which spans back over three centuries.

## Vineyard

One of the oldest field blends in the world of Grenache, Mourvedre and Malbec planted in 1858. This small block in Springton in the Eden Valley is home to classified 'Ancestor' vines, dry grown as bushvines on their original rootstock. The block yields just over 1 ton of grapes in the best of vintages, which are hand-picked into small picking baskets to optimize fruit health.

## Winemaking

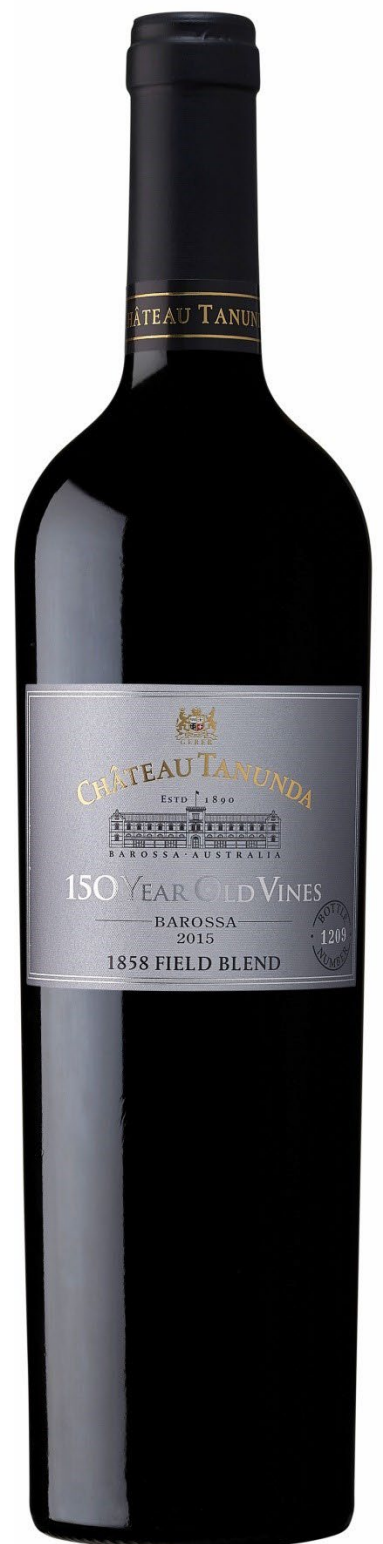
The grapes are destemmed and fermented in a small open stainless steel fermenter over 10 days. We gently hand plunge the must several times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is then basket-pressed and allowed to naturally complete malolactic fermentation, before 18 months' maturation in French oak puncheons. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Production: 1200 bottles

## Tasting Note

Lovely floral and spicy complexities, with hints of fruits of the forest, pepper and ginger snap. The palate displays the full range of dark berries, Mediterranean herbs, and savoury pan jus elements. It is tight and compact, intense and deep, firm and taut, with nicely measured grip and tremendous length. A powerhouse of a wine, but also one possessed of great elegance.

Alc/Vol:	15.7%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.2 g/L	Maturation:	18 months French oak
RS:	0.6 g/L	Potential Cellaring:	22-30 Years
pH	3.52	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe



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**Review by: Huon Hooke, huonhooke.com**

#3 of 27 Red Blend of Australia 2015 Deepish red colour with a touch of purple. The bouquet shows slightly herbal grenache aromas overlaid with spices, and the palate is intense and deep, firmly-structured and quite complex, again with a hint of the herbal side. There are chocolate and fruitcake touches as well. (The second vintage of this rare wine, the first being 2013. A field blend from a single vineyard at Springton, first owned by the Hamilton family. Because of promiscuous planting, the exact varietal composition is unknown). Drink 2017- 2037

**Score: 96 POINTS**

**Review by: Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate**

The 2015 150 Year Old Vines 1858 Field Blend consists of Grenache, Mataro and Malbec, all open fermented and aged 18 months in a single French oak puncheon. On the nose, it boasts terrific, complex aromas ranging from cherries and cinnamon to orange zest and cracked pepper, while on the palate it shows ample weight, concentration and a rich, supple texture. I try to avoid fetishizing old vines (something that's all too easy to do), but this bottling is truly something special, with a lingering, spice-driven and mouthwatering finish that outdistances any others in the Tanunda portfolio. Drink 2018 - 2030

**Score: 95 POINTS**

**Review by: Halliday Wine Companion**

A true field blend, the three varieties (grenache, mourvedre and malbec) planted in 1858. Hand-picked, destemmed, not crushed, 7 days on skins, 18 months maturation in a single French puncheon. On a quality/price/rarity basis the price can be seen as reasonable. Drink by 2035

