



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '150 Year Old Vines' 1858 Field Blend 2013 *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 handpicked into small picking baskets to optimise 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 in a single French oak puncheon, before 18 months maturation in our cellars. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



Alc/Vol:	15.7%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.2 g/L	Maturation:	18 months French oak
RS:	0.6 g/L	Potential Cellaring:	10-30 Years
pH	3.52	Winemaker:	Stuart Bourne

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**GOLD MEDAL**

**Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2015**

**Score: 97 POINTS**

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

Deepish red colour with a tinge of purple. Lovely floral and spicy complexities, with hints of pepper and ginger snap. The palate 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. The spice and floral touches are sensational. Almost infinite cellaring potential. (The vines, at Springton, were actually 155 years old in 2013. Released on The Chateau's 125th Anniversary in 2015).

**Score: 96 POINTS**

**Review by: Mike Bennie, Wine Business Magazine**

Epic wine – mouth-filling, layered, great intensity but retains a poise and brilliance that stretches infinitely long across the palate – layers and layers. Spice, blue fruits, herbs, silky tannins. It's black hole stuff, but done so well. Brilliant expression of Barossa in all its might.

**TROPHY AUSTRALIAN WINE OF THE YEAR 2015**

**Review by: China Wine and Spirits Awards 2015, CWSA**

**Score: 95 POINTS HALLIDAY**

**Review by: James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2017 Edition**

The grapes come from a single vineyard in the Springton district planted in 1858, destemmed, open-fermented for 7 days, basket-pressed and matured in a single French puncheon (approximately 56 dozen) for 18 months. The colour is deceptively light, for the wine packs a fiery punch that will polarise opinions, but should be eagerly sought in the US. Not an easy wine to reduce to numbers. Drink By: 2033

**Score: 90 POINTS AND SILVER**

**Review by: Decanter World Wine Awards 2017**

**Score: SILVER MEDAL**

**Review by: International Wine Challenge 2017**

