



The Château **BETHANIAN SHIRAZ**

2012

Heritage

Château Tanunda was established in 1890 and is the site of the very first vines planted in the Barossa in the 1840s. 'The Château' is a heritage icon, the grand buildings, magnificent gardens and vineyards are owned by the Geber family who continue the century old tradition of fine winemaking.

Vineyard

The grapes for this year's Bethanian Shiraz were grown on the sandy loam soils of blocks 11 and 15 of our Bethany vineyard which was first planted in 1960.

Winemaking

The two blocks were picked separately and the grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, and spent seven days on their skins in open fermenters to gently extract colour, flavours and tannins. Regular pump overs and rack and returns prior to gentle basket pressing have made a full-bodied wine.

Tasting note

Lifted aromas of blackberry, blueberry and black pepper supported by spicy, dark berry fruits on the palate. The extensive finish is framed by elegant, fine-grained tannins from eighteen months' maturation in a combination of new and seasoned American and French oak barriques and hogsheads.



Analysis

pH 3.47

Oak (Age & Type)

American and French oak

Cellar Time

5 - 10 years

TA 6.50g/L

Winemaker

Stuart Bourne

RS 2.2g/L

Bottled under

Cork

Alc. 14.0%

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93 POINTS

Review by: Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

Black fruit, coffee, coconut and vanilla, lavender perfume and chocolate. Full bodied, smooth glycerol feel in the mouth, with a spicy nougat and blackberry flavour all dipped in chocolate for come-hither Barossa seduction. Acidity is neatly threaded, though pulses a little on the finish, and the length is excellent. Crowd pleasing Barossa Shiraz with a little more finesse than usual. Very good.

GOLD MEDAL

Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2014

93 POINTS

Review by: James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2015

From Blocks 11 and 15 of the estate's Bethany vineyard, first planted in '60. The two blocks were picked separately, the fermentation process the same as for the Terroirs of the Barossa wines, oak maturation 18 months. The fruit flavours are slightly sweeter and more spicy, the palate medium-bodied.

