

THE CHÂTEAU BETHANIAN SHIRAZ 2017

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 the Bethanian Shiraz were grown on the sandy clay loam soils of the Bethany sub-region of the Barossa.

Winemaking

The grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, and spent seven days on their skins in open fermenters to gently extract colour, flavours and tannins. This was followed by careful basket pressing and fermentation in a combination of new and seasoned American and French oak barrels prior to eighteen months maturation in our cellar.

Tasting note

A full bodied wine with 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.

Alc. 15.5%

Oak

18 Months in French and

American oak

Recommended Drinking: 2019-2030

Bottled under

Winemaker

Neville Rowe

Cork





92 POINTS

Review by: Huon Hooke, The Real Review

Inviting, deep, saturated colour is a great introduction to this husky shiraz. Fruit is subdued on the nose but it emerges with air to reveal dark berry, spice, bitter chocolate and tarry notes. Full-bodied and very ripe in the mouth, it's a power-packed drop that teeters on the edge of portiness. Ripe tannins are woven through sweet fruit harmoniously, alcohol gives notable heat to the finish. A big red. RKP Recommended Drinking: 2019-2034

94 POINTS

Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Wonderfully fruited and immediately appealing, the inviting bouquet shows sweet cherry, plum, vanilla pod and toasted spice characters, leading to a succulent palate that is plump and fleshy. It is comforting and satisfying with layers of rich flavours and silky texture. At its best: now to 2027.

GOLD MEDAL

Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2020

94 POINTS

Review by: James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2021

 $22\ acres$ of sandy loam around the Bethany hamlet, 18 months in a mix of new and used oak. Full-bodied in The Chateau style. Drink by 2030

