



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '50 Year Old Vines' Shiraz 2018

## Heritage

Château 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 one of the Valley's first wineries.

These low-yielding "Barossa Old Vines" were planted in the 1960s at a time of great innovation. New viticultural know-how and technology was opening up the possibility of new excellent new sites for grape growing. The Barossa has a 175-year tradition of phylloxera-free grapegrowing and is home to some of the oldest continuously producing vineyards in the world. 50 year old vine vineyards make us less than 4% of the region's plantings. They have a root structure and trunk thickness that encourage diversity of flavour and character with proven quality over many vintages.

## Vineyard

The grapes from this wine come from just two small vineyards in the Bethany, Marananga and Light Pass parishes of the Barossa. The Bethany vineyard lies on sandy loams and alluvial clays, Marananga on deep red-brown earth, while the Light Pass vineyard is on alluvial sandy brown loams.

## Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed, but not crushed, and spend seven days on their skins in open fermenters with hand-plunging twice daily to more gently extract colour, flavours and tannins.

This is followed by careful basket pressing and malolactic fermentation in a combination of new and seasoned American and French oak prior to 24 months maturation in our cellars.

In keeping with our non-interventionalist winemaking style, we neither fine nor filter this wine.

## Tasting

Medium to deep crimson/purple. Powerfully intense aniseed, blackberry, mulberry and blueberry fruit aromas, with ginger, mint notes. Vigorous and fleshy with generous blueberry, blackberry flavors, excellent mid-palate richness and plentiful brambly-chocolatey tannins

**Production:** 998 dozen



Alc/Vol:	14.9%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.2 g/l	Maturation:	24 Months French Oak (15% New)
RS:	<2 g/l	Peak Drinking:	2022-2032
pH	3.44	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe

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**Score: 96 POINTS**

**Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**

This is immediately enticing on the nose with black/purple fruit richness with tapenade, dark chocolate, cake spice and cracked pepper notes, followed by a powerful full-bodied palate delivering layers of delicious flavours backed by refined tannins, finishing super long and satisfying. At its best: 2024 to 2038

**Score: GRAND GOLD MEDAL**

**Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2021**

**Score: 96 POINTS**

**Review by: Andrew Caillard MW**

Deep crimson. Beautiful roasted coffee, blackberry, dark cherry aromas with underlying mocha herb garden notes. Classically proportioned and refined Barossa Shiraz with pure black berry, dark cherry, praline/ dark cacao flavours, fine looseknit chalky/ al dente tannins, plentiful mocha/ vanilla oak notes and integrated acidity. Finishes chocolaty firm with persistent choco-berry liquorice notes. A benchmark Barossa Shiraz. Keep for a while. Drink now – 2032.

**Score: 95 POINTS**

**Review by: Ken Gargett**

Loved it. A dark maroon opaque colour, followed by just gorgeous fragrances. The wine is concentrated and yet balanced and fully focussed. Generous flavours throughout – spices, leather, black fruits, cassis, chocolate and coffee bean. Ripe, seamless and with a supple texture right across the palate. Satiny tannins, excellent length, this is a superb example of what the Barossa can do.

**Score: 94 POINTS**

**Review by: Angus Hughson, Wine Pilot**

Deep ruby in colour, it's understated now but also reserved and confident with concentrated aromas of leather, chocolate, ground spices and sweet oak. It's quite tightly bound too and complete which bodes very well for the future. That fruit focus then continues on the palate and with a surprising elegance and again there is brooding power of dark, earthy fruits which then hold for a long, sustained finish thanks to ample tannins. You could miss this as a youngster but give it time as it is sure to shine long and bright.

**Score: 92 POINTS**

**Review by: James Suckling**

A very classic Barossa shiraz with stacks of ripe plum and blackberry fruit with delicate spicy notes. Rich and fleshy, but with healthy tannins underlining this and giving it a clear line across the palate. Rather dense black-fruit and licorice character at the moderately long finish. Drink or hold.



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