

ICON OF THE BAROSSA

'50 Year Old Vines' Shiraz 2019

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

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
рН	3.44	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe





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Score: 96 POINTS

Review by: Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Gracefully rich and enticing, the bouquet shows blackberry, cedar, fragrant spice, olive and dark chocolate notes, leading to a mouthfilling palate offering splendid power and intensity while remaining harmonious and sophisticated. Wonderfully styled, it finishes seamless and compelling. At its best: 2025 to 2039.

Score: 95 POINTS

Review by: Andrew Caillard MW

Deep crimson. Fresh dark cherry, blackberry, dark plum liquorice aromas with mocha/ marzipan notes. Beautifully concentrated blackberry dark plum, liquorice flavours, fine loose knit chocolatey textures, very good mid-palate density and integrated vanilla/ mocha/ marzipan notes. Finishes chocolaty and bittersweet. Delicious wine with lovely fruit complexity, tannin structure and vinosity. Cork seal. Drink now – 2034.

Score: 92+ POINTS

Review by: Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate

This 2019 50 Year Old Vines Shiraz delivers us exactly the experience we may hope for or expect from an old (established in the late 1800s), traditional Barossa producer. It is intense, savory and full, layered with red dirt, blackberries, poached raspberries, dark chocolate and Christmas spice. In the mouth, the wine is exactly thus: the oak is pronounced, although arguably in balance with the bigprofile fruit. This is satisfying and full and proof that the landmark Barossa style is still to be found. Bravo.

Score: GOLD MEDAL

Review by: Global Syrah Masters 2022

Score: 95 Points Review by: Ken Gargett

This gorgeous Barossa Shiraz used here sees small open fermenters followed by gentle basket pressing and then maturation in quality French oak for two years. The team's usual procedure is destemming the grapes, a week on skins and hand-plunging twice daily. Although the wine is named '50-Year-Old', some of the vines exceed that by a considerable distance. Deep red in colour, there is a mix of red and darker fruits on the nose, especially blackberries, with graphite, chocolate, warm bitumen, leather, cloves and bay leaves. Some good complexity, even at this early stage. The texture is supple and seamless with the wine finishing with delightfully soft tannins. Some very chocolatey notes to conclude. Deceptively long, the finish would simply not go away (that is a good thing, a very good thing). Loved this. A stunning Barossa Shiraz with ten to fifteen years ahead of it, over which time, expect the score to rise even further.

Score: 92 Points Review by: Jeni Port

Old vines are busy in the fruit complexity department here but amid all the bustle, there is freshness and verve. Explosive aromas of blackcurrant pastille, fruit bon bon, licorice strap, sweet black fruits, cinnamon and clove. The maker doesn't skimp on oak – 24 months in French oak – contributing a warm mocha-coffee-chocolate concentration. Creviced quietly between all of the fruit, oak and tannins are layers of earth and leather. Alcohol plays a role in the overall smoothness of the wine, flowing easily. Team the 50-year-old with a hearty casserole this winter and you'll be in seventh heaven. Or, there is always the cellar. It won't disappoint there, either.

