



## *The Château*

# 50 YEAR OLD VINES SHIRAZ

## 2012

### Heritage

Château Tanunda Icon of the Barossa, was established in 1890 and is the site of some of the Valley's earliest vines as well as its first winery. The Château is privately owned by the Geber family who continue a tradition of fine winemaking spanning three generations.

### Vineyard

The Barossa Old Vine Charter was instituted to register vineyards by age, so that older vines could be preserved, retained and promoted. The grapes for this wine come from just two small vineyards, one in the sub-region of Nuriootpa that lies on sandy loams and alluvial clays and the other in Vine Vale, a sub-region of the Barossa that lies on very deep sandy soils over clay. These low yielding "Old Vines" were planted between 1960 and 1961 and are now fully matured with root structure and trunk thickness that encourages diversity of flavour and character.

### Winemaking

The hand-picked grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, and spent seven days on skins in an open fermenter with twice daily hand-plunging and gentle pump-overs of the cap to extract colour, flavours and tannins. This was followed by careful basket pressing and maturation in a combination of American and French oak barrels for twenty two months prior to bottling. In keeping with our non-interventionist winemaking style we have neither fined nor filtered this wine and as a result decanting is recommended.

### Tasting Note

This full bodied wine displays aromas of blackberry and black pepper supported by spicy, dark fruits on the palate with subtle integrated oak. The extensive finish is framed by elegant, fine grained tannins. The Château 50 Year Old Vine Shiraz 2012 highlights high quality fruits with distinction and longevity.

Analysis	Fermentation	Maturation Time
pH 3.57	American and French oak	Cellar up to 10 years
TA 6.65g/L	Winemaker	Match with
RS 2.3g/L	Stuart Bourne	Game /Porcini mushrooms
Alc. 14.5%		Bottled under
		Cork



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**Score: GOLD MEDAL**

**Review by: China Wine & Spirits Award 2014**

**Score: SILVER OUTSTANDING**

**Review by: International Wine & Spirit Competition 2014**

Deep intense red colour. Bramble fruits in abundance, plum compote, cherry, spice and mocha. Intensely rich fruity palate, peppery spice, chocolate tannins meld with savoury oak. The whole is very smooth for such a big wine, great balance and integration. The finish is very long.

**Score: 94 POINTS**

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

Deep red colour with a purple glint; the bouquet is rich dark chocolate and blood plum. The wine is full-bodied and softly fleshy, rich and deep, with density and grip and gravitas. Lovely wine in the typical Chateau Tanunda rich, fleshy, old-vine style. 20/5/2016 Drink 2016 to 2037

**Score: 95 POINTS**

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

Made from vines planted '60-'61, the standard Chateau Tanunda vinification. Retains excellent hue, and has strong focus and power, the rich fruit braced by acidity and oak. Cork Drink to 2032

**Score: 91 POINTS**

**Review by: Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, The Wine Advocate**

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2012 50 Year Old Vines Shiraz is scented of cloves, eucalypt and incense over a core of mulberries, plum preserves and spice cake. Full-bodied, soft, plush and beautifully balanced in the mouth, the abundance of fruit is well framed by rounded tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long. Drink Date 2015 - 2022

**Score: PREMIUM GOLD MEDAL**

