

100 YEAR OLD VINES



HAND PICKED, BASKET PRESSED AND UNFILTERED



VINTAGE

2008

SHIRAZ

Heritage

Chateau Tanunda was established in 1890 and is a heritage icon of Australia's wine industry. This grand building, its magnificent gardens and vineyards are owned by the Geber family who continue the century old tradition of fine winemaking.

Vineyard

The Barossa is home to some of the world's oldest Shiraz vines and the grapes for this wine come from a high altitude, one acre single vineyard in the Eden Valley.

Winemaking

Hand picked, basket pressed and unfiltered, the gentle unobtrusive winemaking has captured the subtle and intriguing characters of these Shiraz Vines.

The grapes were destalked (separating berries from the bunch) and placed uncrushed into small stainless steel open fermenters. A cultured yeast was used to start the fermentation and the tanks were hand plunged spending 7 days on skins at 28° C.

Further maturation in French Oak Puncheons and Hogsheads for 18 months has resulted in a wine of great structure and finesse.

Tasting note

The classic regional characters of dense, spicy blueberry fruit along with hints of liquorice, plum and all-spice are all delicately interwoven with 1/3 new and 2/3 older French oak. 2008 has all the hallmarks of being a truly great Eden Valley vintage and we believe this wine will age gracefully for 10 years+



Winemaker	: Tim Smith	Alc	: 14.5%
Fermentation	: Stainless steel	pH	: 3.42
Vine Age	: 100 yrs +	TA	: 7.0 g/L
Region	: Barossa Valley	RS	: 0.42 g/L
Maturation	: French Oak		
Maturation time	: 18 months		
Bottled	: Unfiltered		
Cellar	: 10 - 15 years		
Bottled under	: Cork		
Cases	: 100		

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Score: 94 POINTS

Review by: Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

It says on the back label that this comes from a one acre vineyard, high up in the Eden Valley, that's over 100 years old...Cherry, dark berry, sweet cinnamon oak that's well measured, but certainly not overdone, with some liquorice bullet and a flicker of mint. It's medium weight, with fine tannins, excellent drinkability and a fine sense of perfumed politeness. Love the tannins, present, firm and correct and there's a lovely freshness and juiciness too, rather than any dull, leaden or over-ripe qualities. What I like most, however, is that it's not a show pony - so if you're expecting pounds per square inch, or bang per buck, then this is not your wine - spend your hundred elsewhere. There's change in the wind here, and it smells good. Drink : 2012 - 2020 Tasted : Mar 10 Closure : Cork

Score: 93+++ POINTS

Review by: Philip White, Independent Weekly

It's a bit silly putting points to a wine of this provenance in such an infant stage, but we do it. This is mighty. It has tempranillo-like paradegloss boot-polish tones in its confounding depths. If its vineyard was not quite so venerable, it would fit perfectly in the \$48 Terroirs trio, as it's not like any of those. It has posher French-coopered oak, because it deserves no less. Between that spicy decoration, and the schisty, stony tannins which glower below, there's layer upon layer of fleshy, intense, devilishly seductive Barossa shiraz of the highest calibre.

TROPHY - BEST IN CLASS

Review by: RASQ Mediterranean Challenge

Score: 96 POINTS

Review by: James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2011

Purple-crimson; sourced from a single 0.4 ha vineyard high in the hills of the Eden Valley; the register of aromas and flavours switches decisively to a brighter, yet more savoury/spicy/earthy blackberry and licorice spectrum; outstanding length and balance. Cork. Drink 2023 Date Tasted Mar 10