

# 100 YEAR OLD VINES SHIRAZ



HAND PICKED, BASKET PRESSED AND UNFILTERED



VINTAGE

2009

## Heritage

Château 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 just three vineyards in the Eden, Marananga and Vine Vale sub regions of the Barossa. The low-yielding vines were planted more than a century ago around the time construction of the Château itself began.

## 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 15 days on skins at 28° C. Further maturation in French Oak Hogsheads and Barriques 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. 2009 has all the hallmarks of being a truly great Eden Valley vintage and we believe this wine will age gracefully for 10 years+



Winemaker	: Stuart Bourne	Alc	: 14.5%
Fermentation	: Stainless steel	pH	: 3.49
Vine Age	: 100 yrs +	TA	: 7.20 g/L
Region	: Barossa	RS	: 2.90 g/L
Maturation	: French Oak		
Maturation time	: 18 months		
Bottled	: Unfiltered		
Cellar	: 10 - 15 years		
Bottled under	: Cork		
Cases	: 200		

## DISTRIBUTION:

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## **TROPHY BEST RED WINE OF THE SHOW**

**Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2012**

**Score: 95 POINTS**

**Review by: James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2013 Edition**

Comes from three vineyards in the Eden Valley, Marananga and Vine Vale areas of the Barossa, and given Rolls Royce treatment in the winery; the smooth and supple palate is no more than medium-bodied, but is beautifully balanced and structured; black fruits, mocha, fruitcake, spice and licorice are all woven into the whole, French oak also adding a touch of class. Drink By: 2029 Date Tasted: 25 Feb 2012 Published on 17 Jul 2012

**Score: 91+ POINTS**

**Review by: Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, [www.erobertparker.com](http://www.erobertparker.com)**

Deep purple-black in color, the 2009 The Chateau 100 Year Old Vines Shiraz has an intense nose of freshly crushed blueberries and black cherries with suggestions of sage, black pepper, lavender and iodine. Full bodied and generously fruited with layers of crushed berry and earthy/herbal flavors, it is framed by a medium level of chewy tannins and crisp acid, finishing long. Drink it now to 2020+. Importer: Banfi Vintners, Old Brookville, NY [www.banfivintners.com](http://www.banfivintners.com)

**Score: 93 POINTS**

**Review by: Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Enthusiast**

Full bodied and supple, this wine shows an interesting array of sensory notes for Barossa Shiraz, with notes ranging from espresso, tar, mint and green peppercorn to dark chocolate and blueberry. Finishes long and softly dusty, suggesting the ability to age through 2020, although it's very drinkable now.

**Score: 92 POINTS**

**Review by: Huon Hooke, [huonhooke.com](http://huonhooke.com)**

Deep red colour, with a tinge of brick-red and little purple left. Earth and plum aromas, some development but not so complex as yet. It's full-bodied and soft textured, fleshy and smooth. A really nice wine texturally, and needs more time to build more complexity.