

# ‘50 Year Old Vines’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

## Heritage

Chateau 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. The ‘Old Vines’ series showcases the significant history and special wine characteristics of a selection of old vine vineyards for which the Barossa valley is world famous. The Barossa Old Vines Charter was instituted to register vineyards by age, so that older vines could be preserved, retained and promoted.

## Vineyard

These Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from this wine come from our single estate vineyard in the Bethany sub-region of the Barossa. These low-yielding “Barossa Old Vines” were planted over 50 years ago and are now fully mature. They have a root structure and trunk thickness that encourage diversity of flavor and character. Their worthiness has been proven over many vintages, consistently producing the highest quality fruit.

## Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed, but not crushed, and spend seven days on their skins in open fermenters with twice daily hand-plunging and pumping over of the cap to more gently extract colour, flavours and tannins. This is followed by careful basket pressing and 18 months maturation in a combination of new and seasoned French oak. In keeping with our non-interventionalist winemaking style we neither fine nor filter this wine.

## Tasting Note

Deep magenta in colour with a vibrant nose of dark fruit, chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon aromas. An exotic and full-bodied palate driven by flavours of fruits of the forest, blackcurrant and a savoury spice bound together by succulent fine-grained tannins. A wine of great length which will reward many years in the cellar.

## PRODUCTION

830 dozen



Alc/Vol:	16.0%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.5 g/l	Maturation:	18 months French oak barriques (25% new)
RS:	>2 g/l	Potential Cellaring:	Now - 2032
pH	3.5	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe



#### **GOLD MEDAL**

**Review by: Global Cabernet Masters 2021**

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**Review by: Berlin Wine Trophy 2021**

#### **96 POINTS**

**Review by: Andrew Caillard MW**

Deep crimson. Intense blackcurrant roasted coffee, mocha/ cigar box aromas with herb garden, violet, roasted chestnut notes. Expressive minerally palate with inky blackcurrant mulberry fruits, fine grainy/ graphite textures and underlying roasted chestnut marzipan notes. Finishes cedar firm with a lacy tannin plume and abundant dark fruits. Lovely cabernet definition, vim and vigour. Drink now – 2030

#### **96 POINTS**

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

It's gorgeously ripe and fragrant, showing crème de cassis, hint of tobacco, spicy oak and smoked game aromas on the nose, leading to a concentrated palate offering outstanding weight and density, while remaining silky and supple with a terrific persistent finish. At its best: 2024 to 2038.

#### **95 POINTS**

**Review by: Jeni Port, Wine Pilot**

If only we celebrated old vine Barossa cabernet as much as we do old vine Barossa shiraz. It really is a jewel. Here, a case in point. Relatively modest in alcohol at 14% and blessed with great balance, all the key regional assets are here – front palate plushness, a solid core of fruit intensity combined with svelte tannins. The 2018 vintage was warm and dry. The result is a cabernet full to bursting with black cherry, plum, violet, vanilla aromas, lifted and bright. Quite a presence in the glass. Succulent fruit meets cocoa powder, dried herbs thyme and oregano with a tapenade-black olive savouriness. Expressive, balanced tannins and cigar oak nicely absorbed, complete this delicious picture.

#### **93 POINTS**

**Review by: Tyson Stelzer, Halliday Wine Companion**

Matured 18 months in French oak barrels. Accurate varietal definition of bright, crunchy redblackcurrant fruit is gracefully accented by capsicum, leaf and cedar. Medium-grained tannins, derived of both fruit and oak, direct a long finish in concert with well-defined acidity. Long-term proposition.

#### **93 POINTS**

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

Cabernet and Barossa fans will applaud this impressive wine that celebrates the best of both worlds. It's cabernet all right but also carries with it the generosity of flavour that has gained the Barossa legions of fans both here and abroad. Deeply coloured and it immediately displays inviting and expressive aromatics of mulberry and blackcurrant with a gentle leafiness and mocha notes from extended time in French oak. The palate is then concentrated with great energy and vitality – fruits pastilles and cedar notes on a fleshy and rich palate supported by surprisingly supple tannins. It's so approachable now but you also know it will kick on over the next decade.

#### **91 POINTS**

**Review by: James Suckling**



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