

100 Year Old Vines Semillon 2023

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 the Valley's first winery. The 'Old Vines' series is all about showcasing the significant history and special wine characteristics and of a selection of old vine vineyards for which the Barossa valley is world famous.

Vineyard

The Barossa is home to some of the world's oldest ungrafted Semillon vines. The grapes for this wine are from our the deep sandy soils on our Lot 100 vineyard in Vine Vale. The low yielding 'Centenarian' vines, noted for their intensity of flavor, were planted more than a century ago around the time construction of the Château itself began.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently basket pressed before beginning fermentation in a combination of French oak and temperature controlled stainless steel fermenters. The wine then undergoes partial malolactic fermentation followed by seven months maturation in seasoned French oak barrels to enhance flavours and structure, whilst building texture and complexity.

Tasting Note:

Honey, lemon, stonefruit and hints of grapefruit and chamomile tea on the nose. Lively, fresh citrus and peach on the fleshy palate with clean, fresh acidity on a long lingering finish. A seamless wine of bold structure and intense varietal flavours driving the length on the palate.

Reviews

97 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
95 Points – Ray Jordan, Wine Pilot
93 Points – Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot
92 Points – Angus Hughson, Vinous

91 Points – Aaron Brasher, Huon Hooke's The Real Review

Alc/Vol: 13 % Closure: Screwcap

TA: 5.3 g/l Maturation: 7 Months French Oak

RS: <3 g/l Potential Cellaring: 2024-2038

pH 3.2 Winemaker: Jeremy Ottawa

