

ICON OF THE BAROSSA

THE CHÂTEAU SINGLE VINEYARD EDEN VALLEY CHARDONNAY 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 *Château* is privately owned by the Geber family who continue a tradition of fine winemaking spanning three centuries.

Vineyard

The grapes for this Chardonnay are from select rows of our Eden Valley vineyard. The vines grow on rocky shallow sandy loam soils on on a clay complex containing granite with traces of limestone, enjoying extended ripening time to enhance the flavor and structure, thanks to the cooler climate at 400m altitude.

Winemaking

Hand-picked in the cool of the night from select rows in our cool climate Eden Valley vineyard to preserve freshness and varietal character.

The grapes are gently basket pressed before fermentation in barrel. Partial Malolactic fermentation and regular lees stirring for 8 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads (10% new) give the wine added complexity.

Tasting Note

Delicate, classic aromas of white peach, opulent pear and toasty brioche all leading on to a sumptuous creamy palate of layer upon layer of lemon, citrus fruit and vanilla notes all balanced with a clean, mineral intensity that you always expect from this vineyard.

The seamless balance of understated oak never overstates, and whilst the current youthful exuberance of the fruit gives it an appealing freshness this wine will develop further complexity over the next 5+ years.

Alc/Vol: 13.5 % Soil Type: Rocky sandy loam over complex clay

TA: 8 Months French Oak (10% new)

RS: >0.5 g/l Potential Cellaring: 2023-2029

pH 3.43 Winemaker: Jeremy Ottawa





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Awards

93 Points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Beautifully styled and elegantly fragrant, the wine shows ripe stone fruit, lemon peel, nougat and roasted cashew aromas, followed by a finely textured palate that's delightfully ripe and generous. Well supported by juicy acidity, finishing flavoursome and fabulously drinkable. At its best: now to 2030.

93 Points - Ray Jordan, Wine Pilot

Pretty good year in the Barossa has created this exceptionally smart chardonnay. Melony cereal flavours with a stone fruit and quince paste combination adding intrigue into the palate. It's got great intensity and delivers with a slightly soft and rounded palate to any modern chardonnay.

93 Points - Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot

From a single vineyard in the Eden Valley, 20% whole bunches were included in fermentation, which took place in barrel. Lees stirring and then eight months maturation in a mix of new and older French oak barriques. Just 665 cases.

The colour is a shining yellow gold. This is a fine Chardonnay, taut, poised and a slightly leaner style. There is a hint of oak evident. Notes of cinnamon and nutmeg with white peaches and florals. An appealing supple texture. Very good length. The palate sees notes of ginger and citrus emerge. A really attractive Eden Valley Chardonnay with another five to six years ahead of it.

90 Points - Stuart Knox, The Real Review

A pale straw-yellow tint in the light. Subtle lemon drop, and lime leaf aromas. Bright and fresh pineapple and citrus fruits at the centre whilst a cut green herb note sits over the top. Good acidity ensures it's focused and carries good length, where an almond meal note lingers at the finish.

9.4/10 - Max Crus

It's hard to believe that you get such cool-climate, crisp and refined character from right next door to the Barossa, but you do. Lovely chardonnay with a high 'beep' factor and only 665 cases so you might be too late already.

