



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

50 Year Old Vines Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Heritage

Chateau Tanunda was established in 1890 and is an Icon of the Barossa home to some of the oldest vines in the world. The Old Vine Expressions collection showcases the significant history and special wine characteristics of a selection of old vine vineyards for which the Barossa is world famous. The Barossa Old Vine Charter was instituted to register vineyards by age, so that older vines could be preserved, retained and promoted.

Vineyard

The 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. Growing on their original rootstock, they have a root structure and trunk thickness that encourage diversity of flavour and pure 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 skins in open fermenters with twice daily hand-plunging to 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, this wine was bottled unfinned and is suitable for vegans and vegetarians.

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 pure expressive black and redcurrant fruit intertwined with savoury spice and fresh tobacco notes. A sumptuous weight to the palate with velvet tannins. A wine of great length which will reward many years in the cellar.

Production: 260 dozen



Alc/Vol:	14.5%	Soil Types:	Bethany – Sandy Loan over deep clay
TA:	6.4 g/l	Maturation:	18 months French oak (30% new)
RS:	>2 g/l	Drink:	2026-2036
pH:	3.4	Winemaker:	Jeremy Ottawa

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Awards

96 Points – Ray Jordan, Wine Pilot

This excellent Cabernet is made along similar lines to the Shiraz. It was a vintage that has suited Cabernet in the Barossa, creating seamless elegance with distinct varietal characters. Spicy leafy notes on the nose with a plush velvety palate structure, created by the generous fruit and ample tannin and fine oak support. Drink by 2025-2040

95 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

It is a gorgeous rendition of the variety, showing cassis, fennel, tobacco, violet, and cedar characters on the nose. The concentrated palate delivers terrific weight and persistence, splendidly framed by refined texture and beautifully infused tannins, making it sturdy yet supple and harmonious with a sustained, satisfying finish. At its best: now to 2040.

95 Points – Shanteh Wale, Wine Pilot

From the Valley floor of Bethany where the first vines were planted in Barossa, comes these 50 year old vines. There is a sentimental aroma, almost wistful in its cabernet charm. A briar of blackberries, dark plums and cigar room. Dark chocolate and cedar. The palate is quite bright with a coolness on the palate, no not herbaceous but cool in its filigree of acidity and powdery tannins. Once again this shows its pedigree by providing a texture of silk, followed up by some cassia and mocha spice. This is drinking very well now, made in a way that modern Barossa can and yet will live quite happily in your cellar for another 8-12 years further. I would go for a shepherd's pie or dare I say it a very good meat loaf, ask the best butcher you know.

94+ Points – Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot

The grapes are destemmed but not crushed, before spending a week on skins. Eventually, the wine spends a further year and a half maturing in a mix of new and older French barriques. Under cork, this is dark blood red, both toasty and earthy. There are aromas moving through crushed herbs, cranberries, mulberries, bay leaves, soy, cloves and beef stock, along with a touch of licorice. There is real intensity here, and the structure is seamless, quite dense, and with sleek tannins. The palate sees more of a reliance on black fruits and a note, in the most positive way, of axle grease. Serious length, this will drink beautifully for the next ten to twelve years. Drink by: 2025-2037

91 Points – Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion

Cabernet sauvignon sourced from Fiedlers View vineyard in Bethany, matured in 100% French oak (20% new). Blackberry, black cherry and blackcurrant fruits with hints of baking spice, dried herbs, tobacco, cedar, oak-derived wood spice, licorice and earth. Full bodied, with tangy plum-skin acidity and a powdery tannin architecture on the medium-length finish. 2025-2040

91 Points – Huon Hooke, The Real Review

Deep red with a good tint of purple and slighty jammy ripeness in its aromas of squishy berries. the palate diffuse and broad, and falling a bit short, with some vegetable flavours coming through. The tannins are grippy and very drying on the finish. Needs time and/or protein. 2026-2037

Gold Medal – Global Cabernet Masters 2025

Gold Medal – Berlin Wine Trophy 2025



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