



## SINGLE VINEYARD MERLOT 2024

### 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 Château Single Vineyard Merlot 2024 is from a select parcel of Merlot grown in the Eden Valley's cool climate on an eastern facing slope that avoids the late afternoon sun. This particular parcel was identified by our wine tasting panel for its exceptional varietal character, velvety texture and complexity.

### Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed, but not crushed, and spend seven days fermenting in open stainless steel fermenters. We gently hand plunge the must several times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins from the grapes.

Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is gently basket-pressed before maturation for 10 months in superior quality French oak barrels then bottled unfined.

### Tasting note

Deep, rich purple and red hues. The bouquet has lifted aromas of baked plums, blackberry, and Middle Eastern spice on a velvety smooth palate with hints of cedar and musk. Medium bodied, the extensive finish is framed by elegant, fine-grained tannins from 10 months' maturation in a seasoned French oak barrels.



<b>Alc/Vol:</b>	14.5%	<b>Soil Type:</b>	Red Clay loams on a bedrock of limestone
<b>TA:</b>	6.5 g/l	<b>Maturation:</b>	10 months in French Oak
<b>RS:</b>	>0.5 g/l	<b>Peak Drinking:</b>	2025-2035
<b>pH:</b>	3.3	<b>Winemaker:</b>	Jeremy Ottawa
<b>Production:</b>	1000 dozen		

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## Awards

### 94 Points – Ray Jordan, Wine Pilot

A smooth and almost succulent merlot from the Barossa. Lots of dark fruit cake and plummy blackberry nuances emerge with a highly perfumed nose. The palate is rich and dark with plush black fruits, dark chocolate and a little liqueur cherry. A soft and most generous style with the fine tannins defining to sustain the finish. Cellar: 10 years.

### 93 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Attractively styled, the wine shows sweet plum, wild strawberry, thyme, floral, and nutmeg aromas on the nose, leading to a juicy palate that's beautifully rounded and supple. It's flavoursome and lingering with a succulent finish. At its best: now to 2036.

### 92 Points – Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot

Barossa Merlot may not present itself as we would expect from a Right Bank Bordeaux, but that does not mean it can't be an absolutely delicious red. Also worth noting is that for this sort of money, your chances of finding anything from Bordeaux's Right Bank that will come close to this wine in terms of quality are slim to zero. Specifically from the Tscharke Vineyard, the wine spent ten months maturing in a combination of new and older French oak barrels.

The colour is a vibrant magenta. We have notes of undergrowth, raspberries, mushrooms, plums, dried herbs, beefstock, chocolate and cherries and a veritable spice kitchen on the nose. The wine really lifts on the palate, which is sleek and focused. The choc cherry notes emerge even more here. A wine with fine tannins and a lingering finish, it will drink well over the next five to seven years, during which period it would not be unreasonable to expect the score to rise.

### 91 Points – Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion

A single-vineyard merlot from the Tscharke vineyard in the Eden Valley. That plummy, merlot plumpness is certainly there in spades along with hints of crushed herbs, beef comsomme, dark chocolate, black cherry conserve, wood spice and earth. These characters transpose over onto the palate, which perhaps shows just a little more herbal nuance, with tight, silty tannins and some nice sustain on the finish. Drink by 2038

### Bronze Medal – Barossa Wine Show 2025

