

ICON OF THE BAROSSA



Grenache 2009

Heritage

This wine represents the absolute pinnacle of winemaking here at Château Tanunda. We select only the very best grapes from individual vineyard blocks in exceptional vintages, set aside only the finest part of the fermented wines for maturation in the finest French oak only. We then make a barrel selection of the finest wines to produce two puncheon barrels of the pinnacle, or Everest, of that vintage.

Vineyard

The 2009 vintage comes from one select vineyard parcel in the western Greenock sub-region, a small block of 40 year old bush vines. Yields are controlled to less than 1ton/acre with careful viticultural management by hand, allowing for optimum ripening conditions and best possible quality Grenache. Hand picked.

Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed and fermented in small open new French puncheon over 18 days for extended skin contact. We gently hand plunge the must several times per day for a gentle extraction of aromas, colour and tannins.

Prior to basket pressing, the finest part of the must is run off and racked to new French oak to naturally complete malolactic fermentation before 20 months maturation on lees in our cellars. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. Three years bottle aging before release.

Reviews

98 Points - Huon Hooke

"Medium deep red colour, with the merest tinge of purple. The aromas are spicy and quite minty, slightly medicinal, aniseed, black fruit and red fruits, a hint of licorice, fathomlessly complex. The palate is lusciously rich and fruit-sweet, gorgeous and captivating. A blinder of a wine. Sweet, with a touch of firmness on the finish and a clean aftertaste that seems to linger forever."

96 Points - James Halliday

95+ Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown (www.eRobertParker.com)

pH: 3.51 Closure: Cork 6 g/l TA: Maturation: 20 Months New French Oak RS: $0.2 \, g/l$ **Potential Cellaring:** 10-15 Years Alc/Vol: 15% Winemaker: Tim Smith

