



ICON OF THE BAROSSA

# '50 Year Old Vines' Shiraz 2018

## 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 one of the Valley's first wineries.

These low-yielding "Barossa Old Vines" were planted in the 1960s at a time of great innovation. New viticultural know-how and technology was opening up the possibility of new excellent new sites for grape growing. The Barossa has a 175-year tradition of phylloxera-free grapegrowing and is home to some of the oldest continuously producing vineyards in the world. 50 year old vine vineyards make us less than 4% of the region's plantings. They have a root structure and trunk thickness that encourage diversity of flavour and character with proven quality over many vintages.

## Vineyard

The grapes from this wine come from just two small vineyards in the Bethany, Marananga and Light Pass parishes of the Barossa. The Bethany vineyard lies on sandy loams and alluvial clays, Marananga on deep red-brown earth, while the Light Pass vineyard is on alluvial sandy brown loams.

## Winemaking

The grapes are destemmed, but not crushed, and spend seven days on their skins in open fermenters with hand-plunging twice daily to more gently extract colour, flavours and tannins.

This is followed by careful basket pressing and malolactic fermentation in a combination of new and seasoned American and French oak prior to 24 months maturation in our cellars.

In keeping with our non-interventionalist winemaking style, we neither fine nor filter this wine.

## Tasting

Medium to deep crimson/purple. Powerfully intense aniseed, blackberry, mulberry and blueberry fruit aromas, with ginger, mint notes. Vigorous and fleshy with generous blueberry, blackberry flavors, excellent mid-palate richness and plentiful brambly-chocolatey tannins

**Production:** 998 dozen

## Review:

96 POINTS - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

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96 POINTS - Andrew Caillard MW

95 POINTS - Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot

94 POINTS - Angus Hughson, Wine Pilot

Alc/Vol:	14.9%	Closure:	Cork
TA:	6.2 g/l	Maturation:	24 Months French Oak (15% New)
RS:	<2 g/l	Peak Drinking:	2022-2032
pH	3.44	Winemaker:	Neville Rowe



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