



*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



## 2013 BERNADO SHIRAZ

Bernardo is a single vineyard wine sourced from two blocks on the De Fazio Vineyard. The wine has been named after wine maker Angelo De Fazio's grandfather, whose traditional, sustainable land management practices are still used in the management of the De Fazio Vineyard today. Counting ladybirds and spiders on the vines was one of ways he used to check in with mother nature to see that things were in balance.

An intense, powerful and full-bodied, yet sophisticated wine, it exhibits dense, classic North Western Barossa Shiraz characters. Enjoy on release, or cellar to further soften the structure of the wine and reveal additional layers of complexity.

### GROWING SEASON

2013 was a great quality year. However, yields were very low as a result of a very dry season, with less than half the normal growing season rainfall. It was also warmer than average with the dry and warm conditions resulting in vintage being three weeks earlier than normal. Importantly though, quality was amazing. Wines are rich, mouth filling and extremely lengthy.

### VINEYARD

Bernardo Shiraz is sourced from two blocks on the De Fazio Vineyard. The main block has alluvial soils containing rounded pebbles mixed in red clay and limestone. This block is the remains of an ancient riverbed that runs through the middle of the property. The second block is situated in the north end of the vineyard and consists of red clay over slate and bluestone that provides a challenge for the vine roots to penetrate. Low yielding, the vines on this block produce small, tight bunches that have intense flavour and colour.

### WINE MAKING

The 2013 Bernardo Shiraz was harvested between the 9th & 14th of March, and the grapes gently de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters. The grapes were fermented for eight to ten days on skins, were hand pump overs twice daily. The must was traditionally pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French and American oak hogsheads, where it completed fermentation and matured for 24 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2013 Bernardo Shiraz is deep crimson red in colour. The aroma is big and inviting with intense black fruit, Christmas cake, anise, blackberry, mulberry and Cinnamon spice layered with toasty vanilla oak. The palate displays an initial broad richness of fruit. It is full-bodied, mouth filling, generous with plush black fruits and plenty of weight. There is intense dry dusty tannin adding structure and backbone. A pleasant streak of taught acidity gives it a fantastic cohesion at such a young age. Oak is tightly wound into the fruit adding complexity. A dry lingering finish completes a solid wine that is worthy of cellaring for a decade or two.



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