

Zitta

History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



DE FAZIO[™]
VINEYARD
Established 1864

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

2013 GREENOCK SHIRAZ

Greenock Shiraz is a single vineyard wine using select pickings from a block of old, low-yielding De Fazio Vineyard vines running along the Greenock Creek. The wine has been dedicated to the memory of wine maker Angelo De Fazio's father Gaspere, who migrated to Australia from Southern Italy, bringing with him knowledge and skills in the art of traditional, natural wine making, which he passed on to Angelo. "All good wines begin in the vineyard."

A powerful yet elegant wine of great sophistication and complexity. It has been crafted to demonstrate the unique quality and wine excellence that the sub region of Greenock in the North Western Barossa Valley can produce. The highly acclaimed De Fazio Vineyard was established in 1864 on the gentle slopes of the once named the Greenock Hills in the district of Greenock. A hallmark wine worthy to be found in any good cellar.

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

Zitta Greenock Shiraz is sourced from the oldest vines on the De Fazio Vineyard. The block is located on the edge of the Greenock Creek. The history of this block dates back to 1864 when the first shiraz vines were planted. Cuttings from the original vines have been used to re-establish this block, which consists of deep red clay over iron stone and quartz. The vines are low yielding, cropping at 1 tonne per acre and less in dry years.

WINE MAKING

The 2013 Greenock 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, where hand pump overs twice daily. The must was traditionally pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads, where it completed fermentation and matured for 24 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2013 Greenock is as dark, opaque crimson red with purple hues. The aroma is inviting to the nose. There are tiers of purple fruits, violets, and berries interlaced with some savoury notes of spicy and cedar. The palate displays classic dry-grown intensity and style. This is an intellectual wine with so much going on. Opening with rich fruit weight of blackberry this subsides to many layers of spice. Tannins are fine and tight knit, penetrating the entire palate adding stylish definition and together with bright but integrated acid, hold this immensely dense wine together. A very lengthy finish completes this distinguished Barossa Valley Shiraz. Very balanced for such a robust wine, the 2013 Greenock will ultimately benefit from a couple decades in the cellar.

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