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History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY

2015 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

2015 produced excellent wines. It began with a wet Winter followed by a very dry growing season with less than half the average rainfall. Spring was warmer than average leading to an earlier budburst and early vintage. Summer brought average temperatures, ensuring the dry conditions were not stressful to the vines, and a slow even ripening ensued. Quality is brilliant, certainly one of the highlights in recent years.

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 2015 Greenock Shiraz was harvested between the 7th & 15th 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

2015 is dark red-purple in colour. Freely emanating from the glass are inviting and complex aromatics that linger in the glass. Dark cherries, and blackcurrant are complemented with cedar and crushed herbs. The palate is sophisticated and filling. Richly layered with dark fruits and ample generosity. These ripe black fruits are balanced with smart oak and bright natural acidity. Tannins are pronounced but extremely fine and integrated adding structure and liveliness. Completing this distinguished Shiraz is an incredibly long finish. 2015 Greenock is a superb wine that will ultimately benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.

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