

Zitta

History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



DE FAZIO[™]
VINEYARD
Established 1864

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

2017 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

2017 was stunning. The vines got off to a fantastic start with a wetter than average Winter and mild Spring. Summer brought typically average warm conditions with some excellent rainfall, twice the average. This kept the vines in superb condition for steady ripening into Autumn which remained dry with warm sunny days and cool nights. Yields from 2017 are good and quality is exceptional.

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 2017 Greenock Shiraz was harvested between the 14th & 22nd 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

2017 Greenock Shiraz is deep purple-black in colour. The aromatics are profoundly engaging. There are hints of rose, clove spice and ripe cherry. Very captivating the palate is full-bodied with delightful finesse reflecting the cooler 2017 vintage. Richly flavoured with ripe red and black fruits, licorice and spice. Cedary French oak is evident and well poised adding further complexity. The natural tannins add structure whilst being perfectly integrated. A very long finish of pristine fruit completes this very polished and stylish Shiraz. 2017 Greenock is a superb wine that will ultimately benefit from a decade or two in the cellar.

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