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History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



DE FAZIO[™]
VINEYARD
Established 1864

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

2016 OLD BUSH VINE GRENACHE

Old Bush Vine Grenache is a single vineyard wine made from a single block of old Grenache bush vines on the De Fazio Vineyard, planted in the early 1900s. The grapes from these vines are low yielding, producing intensely flavoured fruit. The vines have been carefully preserved, as old bush vines and the wines produced from them have become quiet rare in the Valley.

An intense, rich and robust Barossa Grenache with plenty of varietal flavours of ripe red raspberry, this harmonious, solid-structure wine provides a taste from the past and will cellar for many years.

GROWING SEASON

2016 was hot and dry resulting in grapes ripening earlier than average. Winter and Spring rainfall was down by 38% whilst growing season temperatures were up by 3 degrees. Some welcome rain came at the end of January refreshing the vines and giving them good moisture to ripen to maturity. Yields from 2016 are solid and importantly quality is stunning. 2016 is certainly a star vintage with bright intense wines of great flavour intensity and inherent balance.

VINEYARD

The Old Bush Vine Grenache is made from a 4-acre single vineyard block planted in the early 1900s. These vines are dry-grown, producing grapes of intense flavour. The vineyard soil on the block is shallow sand over sandstone at the top end of the block, with sandy loamy soil over red clay at the bottom end of the block. Yields are about 1 to 1.5 tons to the acre.

WINE MAKING

2016 Old Bush Vine Grenache was hand picking on April 7th, grapes were gently de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast and gentle hand pump overs were carried out twice a day for flavour and colour extraction. After fermentation on skins for fourteen days the must was traditionally pressed and then filled to barrel. The wine was matured in seasoned French oak hogsheads for 24 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2016 Old Bush Vine Grenache is rich purple-red in colour. There is a very lifted aroma of enticing musk, rose, clove spice, dark cherry and a hint of choc mint. The very inviting aromatics lead to a full-bodied, rich and rounded palate. Flavours are ripe, intense, robust and smartly fruit driven displaying unmistakable varietal Grenache character of sweet plum, blackberry and licorice. Natural tannins are evident adding structure but are extremely fine and well integrated. Maturation in seasoned oak has given added depth but importantly allowed the fruit to be foremost. Very smooth and harmonious a very long finish of varietal purity completes this stylish wine. This distinguished Grenache drinks well now but is ideally suited for serious cellaring.

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