



*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



**DE FAZIO™**  
VINEYARD  
*Established 1864*

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

## 2017 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 quite 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

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

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 favour. 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

2017 Old Bush Vine Grenache was hand picking on April 28th, 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

2017 Old Bush Vine Grenache maroon in colour. The aromas are elated, erupting with pronounced old vine Grenache varietal characters of heritage rose potpourri, musk, ripe raspberry and a hint of choc mint. The full bodied palate is bursting with pure fruits. Very juicy with loads of intensity the plush fruit flavours are flanked with gentle natural tannins adding definition and structure. The seasoned oak maturation has given utmost courtesy to the incredible old vine fruit quality. A lengthy finish is an understatement, with the varietal purity almost endless. Harmony and stylish fruit are the hallmarks of this wine. This distinguished Grenache drinks well now but is ideally suited for cellaring.

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