

# Zitta

*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



**DE FAZIO**  
VINEYARD  
*Established 1864*

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

## 2018 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

2018 vintage was superb. Winter was slightly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading them into Spring which was warmer and drier than average. Rain in early December refreshed the vines and ensured they remained strong and healthy for the overall dry and hot Summer. Autumn also remained dry with perfect Autumnal temperatures leading into harvest. The 2018 yields are good and the quality is excellent, a classic Barossa vintage

### 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

2018 Old Bush Vine Grenache was hand picking on April 4th, 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

2018 Old Vine Bush Grenache is deep purple in colour. Instantly exuding its varietal brightness, there are aromas of rose, musk, raspberry, choc mint and licorice. These inviting aromatics lead to a full bodied palate. Juicy red berry fruits dominate along with fresh plum and crunchy blackberry. Natural tannins are evident adding structure but are extremely fine and well integrated. The pure fruit is respected with seasoned barrel maturation adding harmony. Very smooth overall with a clean lingering finish, this is a stylish wine. This distinguished Grenache is a must have, drinks well now but is ideally suited for serious cellaring.

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