



History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



2018 UNION STREET GRENACHE

The Union Street 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.

We've carefully preserved these old bush vines, as wines produced from vines like these have become quite rare in the Barossa Valley. This perseverance is rewarded with a delightful wine displaying a colour and nose of wild raspberries and hibiscus flowers, which is immediately inviting. A palate full of cherry and berry flavours with a hint of dark spices intermingles with fine tannins produce a long fresh finish.

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

This 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 Union Street Grenache was hand-picked 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 Union Street Grenache is deep purple in colour. Instantly exuding its varietal brightness, there are aromas of rose, musk, raspberry, strawberry, and black cherry. These inviting aromatics lead to a full bodied palate. Juicy red berry fruits dominate along with fresh red plum and 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 soft and silky overall with a clean lingering finish, this is a stylish wine. This stunning Grenache well now but is will cellar well over the coming years.



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