

# Zitta

*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



## 2015 UNION STREET SHIRAZ

Union Street Shiraz is a single vineyard wine made with fruit from three De Fazio Vineyard blocks. It is named after the home street of Zitta wine maker Angelo De Fazio, where he has planted six corkscrew-trained vines in front of his house. In a happy coincidence, the cuttings they come from were originally planted on the De Fazio Vineyard in 1890 - the same year in which Angelo's home was built.

An elegant, fruit-driven wine with abundant varietal flavour and lingering finish, Union Street Shiraz fondly recalls the honest, everyday wines that wine maker Angelo De Fazio grew up with at the family table.

### GROWING SEASON

2015 produced excellent wines. It began with a wet Winter followed by a very dry growing season with less than half the average rainfall. Spring was warmer than average leading to an earlier budburst and early vintage. Summer brought average temperatures, ensuring the dry conditions were not stressful to the vines, and a slow even ripening ensued. Quality is brilliant, certainly one of the highlights in recent years.

### VINEYARD

Union Street Shiraz is taken across three blocks on the De Fazio Vineyard. These blocks are planted with different shiraz clones which have been sourced from three very old vineyards in the Greenock District. Each clone has its own distinct characters, which provide added complexity to the finished wine. The blocks are sandy loam soil with quartz and ironstone over deep red clays - ideal for growing shiraz.

### WINE MAKING

The 2015 Union Street Shiraz was harvested between the 7th & 15th of March, and the grapes gently de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters. The grapes were fermented for eight to ten days on skins, were hand pump overs twice daily. The must was traditionally pressed and immediately filled to seasoned French and American oak hogsheads, where it completed fermentation and matured for 18 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2015 Union Street Shiraz is dark red-black in colour. It is aromatically very lifted and expressly attractive with ripe red fruits, sweet & savoury spice, Christmas cake, blueberry, dark chocolate, rose perfume and a hint of rosemary. The dense palate continues with these beautiful rich fruit flavours complexed by background oak. It is a very full-bodied wine of great depth and intensity. Whilst a solid wine, it has balance and freshness about it. The natural tannins are very fine, giving a lightly grippy and enticing structure. There are many layers to this Shiraz, with engrossment at every level. The finish is remarkably long and extremely engaging. Union Street Shiraz is a complex Barossa Shiraz that can be enjoyed on release or cellared for a decade or more.



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