

Zitta

History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



2016 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

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

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 2016 Union Street Shiraz was harvested between the 10th & 19th 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

2016 Union Street Shiraz is rich dark purple-black in colour. It is very intense aromatically and immediately indicates an impressive, and sophisticated wine. Oozing classic ripe Barossa Shiraz there are aromas of blueberry, fruit cake, deep floral, red plum, sweet tobacco, star anise and a hint of vanilla bean. The complex palate is rich and full-bodied. Intense dark fruits dominate complimented with subtle oak barrel nuances. The dense fruit is framed by strong tannins. But being naturally derived the tannins are fully integrated adding structure, definition and future longevity. The length on this wine is nothing short of ravishing. It is a dry lingering finish combined with lush fruit persistence. This is a wine of great purity and charm. Union Street Shiraz is a complex, refined Barossa Shiraz that has a long cellaring future.



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