

# Zitta

*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



## 2017 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

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

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 2017 Union Street Shiraz was harvested between the 14th & 22nd 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

2017 Union Street Shiraz is rich burgundy-red in colour. The bouquet is inviting, exuding characters of heritage rose perfume, cinnamon spice, dark cherry, black olive and fruit cake. The palate is full-bodied together with an elegant structure. Black and red fruits ooze forth along with hints of spice. There is well integrated fine oak adding further depth and interest. The natural tannins are evident but balanced adding definition and a muscular structure. The long finish provides plenty of lingering juicy fruits leading to a hint of toasty oak together with subtly dry tannin on completion. Union Street Shiraz a good example of a refined Barossa Shiraz that has a good cellaring future.



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