

Zitta

History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



2018 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

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

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 2018 Union Street Shiraz was harvested between the 9th & 13th 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

2018 Union Street Shiraz is dark purple-black in colour. It has an expressive aroma displaying plum pudding, rose florals, dark chocolate, cinnamon spice and some toasty oak. The palate is rich and full-bodied, exhibiting classic Greenock sub region Shiraz from a superb vintage. It has a perfect combination of ripe black fruits together with rustic spice. Oak is finely integrated adding a supporting role to the primary fruit. Tannins are robust but being natural they are perfectly unified adding solid engaging structure. There is a lengthy finish to complete a very complex, well-balanced wine. Union Street Shiraz is a complex, refined and classy Barossa Valley Shiraz that has a long cellaring future.



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