

# Zitta

*History in the tasting*

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES  
BAROSSA VALLEY



**DE FAZIO**<sup>™</sup>  
VINEYARD  
*Established 1864*

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

## 2018 GREENOCK SHIRAZ

Greenock Shiraz is a single vineyard wine using select pickings from a block of old, low-yielding De Fazio Vineyard vines running along the Greenock Creek. The wine has been dedicated to the memory of wine maker Angelo De Fazio's father Gaspere, who migrated to Australia from Southern Italy, bringing with him knowledge and skills in the art of traditional, natural wine making, which he passed on to Angelo. "All good wines begin in the vineyard."

A powerful yet elegant wine of great sophistication and complexity. It has been crafted to demonstrate the unique quality and wine excellence that the sub region of Greenock in the North Western Barossa Valley can produce. The highly acclaimed De Fazio Vineyard was established in 1864 on the gentle slopes of the once named the Greenock Hills in the district of Greenock. A hallmark wine worthy to be found in any good cellar.

### 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

Zitta Greenock Shiraz is sourced from the oldest vines on the De Fazio Vineyard. The block is located on the edge of the Greenock Creek. The history of this block dates back to 1864 when the first shiraz vines were planted. Cuttings from the original vines have been used to re-establish this block, which consists of deep red clay over iron stone and quartz. The vines are low yielding, cropping at 1 tonne per acre and less in dry years.

### WINE MAKING

The 2018 Greenock 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, where hand pump overs twice daily. The must was traditionally pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads, where it completed fermentation and matured for 24 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2018 Greenock Shiraz is dark purple black in colour. The aroma evokes an elegant but powerful wine ahead. Along with dark fruits, fruit cake and blackberry is cinnamon spice, clove and violet florals. It continually evolves with a new aroma as the wine opens up in the glass. On the palate the wine is soft full-bodied exuding rich flavours of Greenock Barossa Shiraz. There are ripe black fruits and dark chocolate with a hint of licorice with complexity from fine oak maturation. The tannins are firm adding structure whilst being perfectly integrated. A rich wine that is completed by an almost boundless finish. This well poised Greenock Shiraz can be enjoyed now but will cellar for a decade or more.

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