



PRODUCT DETAILS

Product name	Zitta Greenock Shiraz
Region GI	Barossa Valley South Australia
Sub region	Greenock, North Western Barossa Valley
Vintage	2012
Grape varietal(s)	100% Shiraz
Alcohol/Volume	14.9%
Closure	Premium WAK Screw Cap
Bottle size	750ml
Bottle weight	1.350 kg
Packaging	6 pack carton stand up
Pallet layout	4 layers x 32 = 128 cartons
Carton weight	8.10 kg
Winemaker	Angelo De Fazio
Harvest dates	March 1st - 8th, 2012
Baume at harvest	14.5 Bu
Crusher	Auger Feed Destemmar
Pressing	Basket Press
Fermentation	Open-top stainless steel 3 ton capacity
Fermentation time	10 days
Fermentation temp	20 C - 28 C
Hand plunged	First 3 days
Pump over	Twice daily
Oak used	New & seasoned French Oak
Time in oak	24 months
Filtration	Coarse segment screen
Vegan	Yes
Preservative	Minimal sulphur



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VINEYARD HISTORY

The De Fazio Vineyard history dates back to 1864 when the first block of Shiraz vines were planted along the banks of the Greenock Creek by the original pioneer family. It remained in their family until 1998, when it was purchased by Zitta owner and wine maker Angelo De Fazio.

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Location

De Fazio Vineyard situated in the Greenock District, North-West Barossa Valley, South Australia (approximately 4km, or 2.5mi, from the township of Greenock).

Climate

Warm to hot. Dry Summers.

Average Seasonal Temperature Range

Winter 2 C - 18 C

Spring 5 C - 25 C

Summer 8 C - 36 C

Autumn 7 C - 22 C

Rainfall

Average annual rainfall is 508mm (20"), which includes 201mm (8.3") during the growing season.

Topography

Undulating north-west facing slopes, ranging from 250m to 307m (820.2 to 1,007.2 ft) above sea level.

Soils

Shallow red clay and sandy loams over red clays. Mixture of sub-soils containing ironstone, sandstone, limestone, bluestone, slate and schistic gravels.

Viticulture

Original Shiraz planted circa 1864. A succession of replanting and re-trellising has followed. Bush vines average height 600mm (2ft). Single-wire trellising 1.2m (4ft) is used. Rows are spaced 3.7m (12ft) apart, with vines planted every 2.4m (8ft). All blocks are hand-pruned. Bush vines and select blocks are hand-picked.

Grape Varieties

Predominantly Shiraz - various select old clones. Grenache old bush vine, Mataro (Mourvedre) bush vines and patch of old Chardonnay vines.

Irrigation

Supplementary drip irrigation is available for use.

Environmental Aspect

Sustainable land management practices.

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2012 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, but elegant wine of great sophistication, it has been specifically made for long-term cellaring, with all tannins and tartrates retained at bottling to ensure the development of greater complexity and integration of flavours over time.

GROWING SEASON

Vintage 2012 was a fantastic year. The wines from 2012 are outstanding and up there with 2010 and a good vintage to have in the cellar. Vintage 2012 began with a good growing season of moderate rainfall and normal temperatures. Summer and Autumn were perfect with generally warm sunny days and only a few heat periods but nothing extreme. The weather was generally dry with an occasional shower of rain refreshing the vines and keeping things fresh. The perfect mid-high 20s weather ensured the grapes ripened steadily and evenly producing outstanding quality.

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 2012 Greenock Shiraz was harvested in two picks 1st & 8th March, and the grapes gently de-stemmed into small open-top fermenters. The grapes were fermented for eight to nine days on skins, with hand plunging during the first 3 days and hand pump-overs twice daily. The must was traditionally basket-pressed and immediately filled to new and seasoned French oak hogsheads, where it completed fermentation and matured for 24 months prior to bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

2012 Greenock Shiraz is dense opaque black in colour. On the nose there are intense rich dark berry fruits, floral perfume, blueberry, nutmeg spice, cedar, black olive, roasted coffee and herbs. Powerful and yet elegant at the same time, the rich palate is full-bodied and superbly balanced. Pristine dark fruit is complimented with subtle barrel ferment characters adding complexity. Fine natural tannins add structure and definition to this multi-layered Shiraz. A long lasting finish completes this distinguished and stylish wine. Greenock Shiraz is a tribute to the De Fazio vineyard that whilst drinks well upon release but will ultimately benefit from a decade or more in the cellar.

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