

## **DE FAZIO 2018 Greenock Family Series Shiraz**

De Fazio Family Series Shiraz is a single vineyard wine produced from a selection of Shiraz vines on the De Fazio estate at Greenock, in the North-Western Barossa Valley. Grapes are selected from several blocks which gives the resultant wine with mainly layers of complex flavours.

Traditional winemaking handed down through generations and maturation in American and French oak hogsheads has ensured a complex, full-bodied Shiraz which will reward long term cellaring. De Fazio Family Series Shiraz is a true family estate wine – which we produce as a tribute to the De Fazio family name and generous of family wine makers.

### **GROWING SEASON**

The 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**

De Fazio Family Series Shiraz is sourced from a several blocks with a ranging soil profiles from shallow rock to deep red clays and limestone providing ideal conditions for Shiraz vines.

### **WINEMAKING**

The grapes were harvested in three separate lots from March 16th to March 19th from a selected blocks. After picking, the grapes were destemmed into open top fermenters. They were fermented and hand pump-overs twice a day for 9 – 12 days on skins prior to pressing. After pressing off skins the wines were filled to a mix of 35% new and the balance used American and French oak hogsheads. The wines completed primary fermentation and underwent natural malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in barrel for 24 months prior to bottling.

### **TASTING NOTES**

2018 Family Series Shiraz is dark purple-black in colour.

It has an expressive aroma displaying plum pudding, rose florals, milk chocolate, marinated olive, cinnamon spice and some toasty oak.

The palate is rich and full-bodied, exhibiting classic Greenock 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. Greenock Family Series Shiraz is a complex, refined and classy Barossa Shiraz that has a long cellaring future.

***This wine is traditionally made with minimal inputs. Vegan Friendly , Sustainably Grow, No GMOs, No Gluten***