



History in the tasting

SINGLE VINEYARD - ESTATE WINES
BAROSSA VALLEY



DE FAZIO™
VINEYARD
Established 1864

NITSCHKE ROAD, GREENOCK
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5360

2013 OLD BUSH VINE GRENACHE

Old Bush Vine Grenache is a single vineyard wine made from a single block of old Grenache bush vines on the De Fazio Vineyard, planted in the early 1900s. The grapes from these vines are low yielding, producing intensely flavoured fruit. The vines have been carefully preserved, as old bush vines and the wines produced from them have become quite rare in the Valley.

An intense, rich and robust Barossa Grenache with plenty of varietal flavours of ripe red raspberry, this harmonious, solid-structure wine provides a taste from the past and will cellar for many years.

GROWING SEASON

2013 was a great quality year. However, yields were very low as a result of a very dry season, with less than half the normal growing season rainfall. It was also warmer than average with the dry and warm conditions resulting in vintage being three weeks earlier than normal. Importantly though, quality was amazing. Wines are rich, mouth filling and extremely lengthy.

VINEYARD

The Old Bush Vine Grenache is made from a 4-acre single vineyard block planted in the early 1900s. These vines are dry-grown, producing grapes of intense flavour. The vineyard soil on the block is shallow sand over sandstone at the top end of the block, with sandy loamy soil over red clay at the bottom end of the block. Yields are about 1 to 1.5 tons to the acre.

WINE MAKING

2013 Old Bush Vine Grenache was hand picking on April 1st, grapes were gently destemmed into small open-top fermenters. The must was warmly fermented using native yeast and gentle hand pump overs were carried out twice a day for flavour and colour extraction. After fermentation on skins for fourteen days the must was traditionally pressed and then filled to barrel. The wine was matured in seasoned French oak hogsheads for 24 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2013 Old Bush Vine Grenache is dark red burgundy in colour. The inviting nose is lifted with aromatics of rose petals, musk, raspberries, malt and sweet spice. The rich palate is mouth filling with bright varietal Grenache fruit flavours of cherry, licorice and a touch of herbs and earthiness. There are natural grainy tannins adding solid structure and longevity. A lengthy finish completes this complex wine. This distinguished Grenache drinks well now but is ideally suited for cellaring.