

2016 JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
 REGION: Barossa, South Australia
 VARIETALS: Grenache
 MATURATION: 100% in older French oak hogsheads (300L) for 12 months
 ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.48

ANNEXUS: A connection.

VINTAGE NOTES:

The growing season was characterized by low winter and spring rainfall, which was followed by a hot spell in mid-December. The hot conditions were thankfully broken by one and a half inches of rain in late January early February. The timing of this rain was perfect, particularly for the dry grown vines. Following the rain, the balance of the ripening season comprised warm days, but slightly cooler than average nights, helping the vines to cope with the warm conditions. The Grenache was handpicked on the 5th and 7th of March.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

The 2016 Annexus Grenache was hand-picked from two very old, low yielding Barossa vineyards, one over 150 years old. Fermentation took place in small, open top fermenters incorporating a small amount of whole bunches. The wine then matured for 12 months in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads.

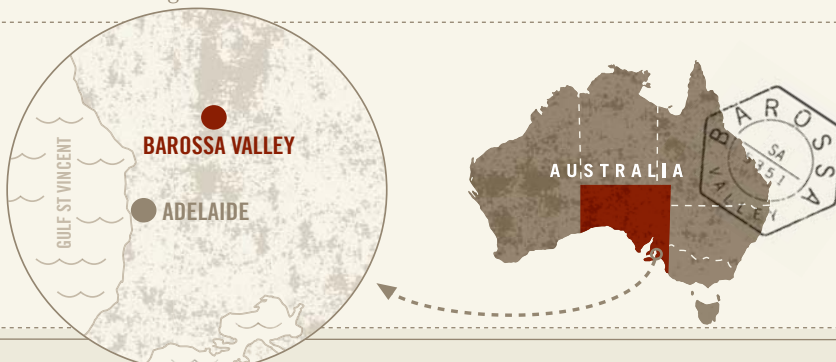
TASTING NOTES:

Lifted red fruit aromatics, a hint of roses, anise and savory spices. The palate is medium bodied and shows an array of vibrant cranberry and raspberry fruit with impressive purity and flavor intensity. The palate is supported by a core of fresh acidity and shaped by seamless, fine tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2015 vintage: 94+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES:

John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers. As Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange, he was instrumental in establishing Penfolds as one of the world's great wineries. Inspired by the Barossa Valley's old vine vineyards, John established his own label in 2002 and now crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.



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