

2017 JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache
MATURATION: 100% in older French oak hogsheads (300L) for 12 months
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 6.10 g/L TA | 3.61 pH

VINTAGE: The growing season was characterized by plentiful early rains and then record rainfall for September of over 6 inches, welcome relief after a few lean years. Summer saw very few extreme heat days, with temperatures being below the long-term average. These conditions produced a later start to vintage, and flavor coming in at a lower Brix. This is a vintage of fruit brightness, lovely supporting acidity and softer tannins.

WINEMAKING: The 2017 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: Savory herb and spicy fruit aromatics opening to reveal bright red cherry and rose flower notes. The palate is fine boned in structure, with fresh raspberry and purity of red fruits, schisty minerality finishing with fine dusty tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 90 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine & Spirits

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL: 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.

