

## 2017 JOHN DUVAL WINES ANNEXUS GRENACHE

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “John Duval was the maker of Penfolds Grange for 16 short years. The positive outcome was his ability to create his own wines, originally alone, now with son Tim. It is made in small quantities in the best vintages. A feature of this wine is its modest alcohol, which most (myself included) might miss unless it was pointed out.”

**James Halliday**  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 1, 2020

**95 pts** “Medium purple color, bright and youthful. Very fragrant – violets, red plums and oak-spice. A lovely raspberry overlay. Supple and softly red-fruited when sipped. Terrific length and structure with acidity to reward cellaring. Delicious wine.”

**Nick Butler**  
TheRealReview.com  
May 2019

**92 pts** “This has attractively smooth and supple red-fruit aromas with pastry and some quite silky notes of red plums here, too. The depth is good. Agile and balanced.”

**Nick Stock**  
JamesSuckling.com  
June 26, 2019

**90 pts/Cellar Selection** “This vintage of Annexus Grenache, like Duval’s Mataro, feels denser and more inward than in previous years. The components are all there, but longer bottle age may be necessary. The nose leads with black cherry, strawberry and oatmeal oak characters, laced with cumin and Middle Eastern spices. In typical Duval style, the palate is highly textured, expertly balanced and supported by taut, spicy tannins. Have patience and this wine should reward in spades.”

**Christina Pickard**  
Wine Enthusiast  
April 2020



**90 pts** “Peppery and warm, this wine’s sunny strawberry-jam sweetness turns savory in the end, when it meets firm, spicy tannins and some mineral cut. It’s a gangly adolescent at the moment, but the structure should knit after a year or two in bottle. Then serve it with grilled game.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2019**

**89 pts** “Tart cherry and cranberry notes lead the way in the 2017 Annexus Grenache. I suppose some would call it admirably restrained; to me, it comes across as slightly lacking richness and full expression. It’s still a fine effort, possessing a slightly floral bouquet, a smooth, medium-bodied palate and a long, silky-crisp finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
**Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**July 31, 2020**