

2017 JOHN DUVAL WINES ANNEXUS MATARO

Review Summary



97 pts/2021 BEST OTHER RED WINES “Made from centenarian vines in Light Pass, matured for 15 months in used French oak. This is a glorious manifestation of the '17 vintage, its cool conditions retaining freshness of fruit at a very modest alcohol level. A sheer pleasure to drink.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion
May 2020

90 pts “This small batch Mourvèdre from renowned Barossa winemaker John Duval is more austere than the previous vintage. It requires plenty of swirling in glass before unveiling its true characters, namely cherry, red currant, licorice, spice and stony earthy undertones. Duval’s winemaking signature is all over the palate. A powerful grip of textured tannins support red fruit, spice and earth.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
January 2020

89 pts “From vines in Light Pass planted more than a century ago, Duval’s 2017 Annexus Mataro is limited to only 250 cases. Only medium-bodied, it comes across as dark-fruited but quite tart. Notes of mocha, tree bark and black cherries start strong, but lack a bit of richness and texture on the palate, finishing crisp. This and the 2017 Annexus Grenache show just how difficult the 2017 Barossa vintage was even for some terrific growers and winemakers.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 31, 2020