

2018 JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS MATARO



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Mataro (Mourvedre)
MATURATION: 30% new French oak hogsheads (300L) for 15 months
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.40 g/L TA | 3.51 pH

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

WINEMAKING: The inspiration from the Barossa's best old vine Mataro vineyards created the inaugural Annexus Mataro. It is a small selection from low yielding, dry grown Centenarian vines in Light Pass, made only in the best years. Fermentation took place in small, open top fermenters incorporating a small amount of whole bunches. The wine then matured for 15 months in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: The nose reveals deep dark fruit with hints of rose, violet and smoky earth. The palate is medium-bodied, showing intense layers of black plum, blackberry and blueberry supported by well-defined toothsome tannins. The finish is long and clean with a pleasing savoriness.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts Wine Spectator

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.

