

2018 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: 14.0% alc/vol | 5.90 g/L TA | 3.54 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 2018 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: Expressive bouquet of cocoa dusted raspberry, licorice and red rose notes. The palate is graceful and layered with a mix of red and black fruit, savory spices and a velvety mouthfeel. The finish is long and pure, a real delight to experience.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 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.

