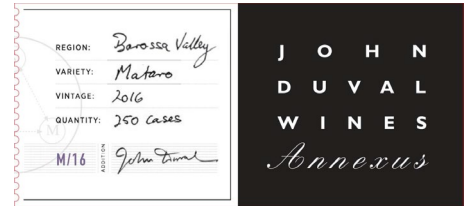


## 2016 JOHN DUVAL WINES ANNEXUS MATARO

### Review Summary



**97 pts** “The inaugural release, open-fermented and matured in French hogsheads (25% new) for 12 months. It’s a fool’s errand to nominate a drink-to date for this wine! Mataro is a notable age-worthy variety, and one made from low yielding 100+yo vines by a red wine master maker who held responsibility for making Grange for many years. The color is beautiful, a deep, vibrant crimson, the bouquet complex and rich, the palate with layer upon layer of mainly black fruits that keep their feet on the throat of any tannins trying to make center stage.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
February 1, 2018

**93 pts** “Deep, bright-hued violet color. A wild, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe black and blue fruits, candied violet, smoked meat and incense, with a hint of vanilla in the background. Sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering concentrated blueberry, cherry liqueur, floral pastilles and fruitcake flavors and a hint of smokiness. Shows outstanding energy and dark fruit thrust on the impressively long, youthfully tannic finish, which leaves a subtle gamy note behind. These vines are reportedly over 100 years old now. Fermented in open-top French oak casks and raised in 25% new French oak.”

**Josh Reynolds, Vinous**  
December 2, 2021

**93 pts** “Incredible palate depth and density. Dried plum and dark cherry flavors expand on the mid-palate. The acidity is perfectly integrated, and the oak melds into the body of the wine with air. I adore the richness and composure of the fruit.”

**Toni Patterson MW, TheRealReview.com**  
August 2, 2019

**93 pts** “Duval’s first release of a straight Mataro, this is sourced from 115-year-old dry-grown vines in Light Pass. The 2016 Annexus Mataro is a jaw-dropper, packed with mulberry and black cherry fruit. It’s garnished with hints of oaky spice and vanilla from aging in 20% new French oak puncheons, but the compelling fruit stays front and center. Full-bodied, concentrated and rich, it ends with a flourish of velvety tannins.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
August 2018



**93 pts** “A brambly nose of blackberry leaves, undergrowth, forest berries, dried herbs and ivy with some citrus. The palate shows some good structured tannins, some pretty fresh acidity and a taut finish.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com**  
**August 15, 2018**