

2016 JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS MATARO



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Mataro (Mourvedre)
MATURATION: 100% in older French oak hogsheads (300L) for 15 months
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.40 g/L TA | 3.51 pH

VINTAGE: The growing season was characterized by low winter and spring rainfall, which was followed by a hot spell in mid-December. The hot conditions were thankfully broken by one and a half inches of rain in late January early February. The timing of this rain was perfect, particularly for the dry grown vines. Following the rain, the balance of the ripening season comprised warm days, but slightly cooler than average nights, helping the vines to cope with the warm conditions. Mataro was handpicked on 9 March 2016.

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 savory, spicy fruit aromatics with lifted plum and red cherry supported by hints of earth and leather. The palate is medium-bodied, showing restrained power. This wine is rich and pure with a seductive core of mulberry and plum fruit, supported by ample, long flowing waves of tannin.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 93 pts Vinous, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

