

## 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**

**93 pts** “Saturated ruby. Expansive, dark berry and cherry-cola scents are complemented by suggestions of vanilla and exotic spices. Broad and fleshy on the palate, offering sweet blackberry and cherry flavors along with dark chocolate and floral pastille flourishes. Becomes firmer with air and finishes with sharp clarity, mounting tannins and strong, spicy persistence.”

**Josh Reynolds**  
**Vinous**  
**December 2021**

**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**  
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