

# 2017 JOHN DUVAL

## INTEGRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** John Duval  
**REGION:** Barossa, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Shiraz (10%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (50% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc/vol | 6.12 g/L TA | 3.58 pH

**VINTAGE:** The 2017 vintage year was defined by above average preceding winter and spring rains which restored sub soil moisture levels and replenished dams on the vineyard site. Generally milder summer conditions and cooler than average temperatures through the ripening period delayed harvest of the Cabernet until 17th April.

**WINEMAKING:** Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from a single vineyard site to the east of the township of Springton. Best estimates put the earliest planting date of the Cabernet vines at this vineyard in the 1890's, making these some of the oldest Cabernet vines still on their own roots anywhere in the world. The Shiraz component was a blend of exceptional old vineyards from the Barossa Valley. The Cabernet and Shiraz components were fermented separately for 8 days on skins in small open top stainless steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs. The Cabernet was aged in a mix of new (50%) and 3rd use (50%) French oak hogsheads for 18 months. The wine was then blended with the Shiraz component and bottle aged for 2 years before release.

**TASTING NOTES:** The nose shows lifted dark plum and blackcurrant, bay leaf and clove. The palate is alive with a vibrant array of intense blue fruit and blackcurrants supported by an elegant framework of poised and precise tannins. Deceptive depth and power all tightly packed and wound up ready to unfurl over many years, finishing long and pure.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 98 pts/Top 100 Wines of 2020 Halliday Wine Companion, 96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 96 pts Vinous, 95 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.

