

## 2018 JOHN DUVAL WINES ANNEXUS MATARO

### Review Summary



**97 pts/2021 BEST OTHER RED WINES** "It's all about putting the spotlight on fruit from a dry-grown centenarian vineyard in Light Pass. I love this. It's a commanding wine. It oscillates between deep, dark, spicy fruit to savoury, meaty flavours. It's long and pure, with poised yet determined tannins. I doubt Mataro gets any better than this. Respect."

Jane Faulkner  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 6, 2020

**95 pts** "Deep, dark brooding red colour with a good tinge of purple, and a bouquet which is reserved and brooding, spicy and smoky, with a hit of char-oak. The wine is medium to full-bodied and deep, with generous ripe-fruit flavours in a savoury spectrum, solid and statuesque and far from the simplistic fruity styles of mataro. A core of sweet black plum. Richness, fleshiness, concentration and satisfying weight, ending in a long and firm-tanned aftertaste. A very smart mataro."

Huon Hooke  
The Real Review  
February 29, 2020

**94 pts** "Duval's Annexus wines are different each year, neatly showcasing the natural vintage variation of the region he knows so intimately. The 2018 unravels like a ball of twine, first with earthy, green herbal notes, then licorice and cherry cola, then black currant and a slightly metallic, sanguine nuance, like a slab of raw steak on a steel cutting board. There's tang and freshness to the palate which makes it feel less dense even while wound in muscular tannins. A Mataro (aka Mourvedre) of precision and finesse that walks a tightrope of elegance and power. "

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
April 30, 2021



**93 pts** “Not that many Australian wineries are exporting varietally labeled Mourvèdre, opting to use it in various GSM, GMS or MSG blends, but Duval’s 2018 Annexus Mataro (the third vintage of this wine) is an excellent, complex example. Laced with notes of truffle and tree bark, the nose of red berries is intriguing, while the medium to full-bodied palate is smooth and silky yet structured, with a long, crisp finish. It’s a lovely wine, with at least a decade of longevity ahead of it—a nice rebound after a hiccup in 2017.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
**Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**August 31, 2020**

**92 pts** “Dense, thick and spicy, with detailed Earl Grey tea, nutmeg and star anise aromas to the core of plump, juicy blackberry and blueberry flavors. The tannins are velvety and appealing, revealing tomato leaf and smoke accents on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator**  
**July 31, 2020**

**90 pts** “John Duval sources this fruit from a grower in Light Pass, who dry farms these century-old mataro vines. They produce concentrated fruit, a heavy drape of black cherry and red cherry flavors which Duval further enriches over the course of 15 months in French oak hogsheads. The oak points up the sweetness of the fruit in a wine for smoky barbecue.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits**  
**February 7, 2022**