

2018 JOHN DUVAL

INTEGRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (92%), Shiraz (8%)
MATURATION: 18 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.1 g/L TA | 3.58 pH

VINTAGE: The cooler vintage conditions from 2017 set up the 2018 growing season well, the vineyard getting the benefit of better soil moisture. Slightly healthier yields (still under 1T/acre) provided the high quality fruit for this special release.

WINEMAKING: Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from a single vineyard site to the east of the township of Springton. The vineyard itself is one of the oldest vineyards in Australia, with the earliest plantings going back to 1858 - making these some of the oldest Cabernet vines still on their own roots anywhere in the world. The vines produce very low yields of intensely flavored berries. 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 to extract color, flavor and tannin. The wine was blended after barrelling, and bottle aged for 2 years before release.

TASTING NOTES: A bouquet of vibrant redcurrant and blackcurrant, plum, pepper and clove. Alive on the palate, the full-bodied wine delivers a brilliant array of intense blue fruit and blackcurrants supported by an elegant framework of long, mouthcoating tannins. It's rich in texture, finishing long and pure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 96+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 94 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL: John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers, and in 2023 celebrates his 50th vintage. 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. His son, Tim Duval joined the winemaking team in 2016.

