

2019 JOHN DUVAL WINES ANNEXUS GRENACHE

Review Summary



95 pts “Dense and succulent, but also elegant, with an open-knit texture. Delivers a core of black currant, huckleberry and blackberry notes, with hints of toasted cumin, star anise and fresh tobacco. Reveals fresh mint, bittersweet chocolate, espresso and dried violet accents that linger on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2039.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
October 2023

95 pts “2019 and 2020 were warm, dry years in the Barossa, and I think it’s years like these where we see what producers are made of. Do they give in to the climate, are they defeated by it, or do they work within the new set of conditions presented to them and make magic regardless? I think you know what I’m going to say here. The 2019 Annexus Grenache is bright and pliable, with layers of ripe but fresh fruit shaped by firm, fine, malleable tannins. This is a brilliant wine. All things are in balance, so drink it whenever you like; however, the beauty of primary fruit is vitality, and I like to see a bit of that in my glass.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 2022

95 pts “Capturing the deep color and richness that reflects the Barossa’s dry 2019 vintage, former Penfolds chief winemaker John Duval harnesses the intensity and power of old-vine material from two distinctly different sites in a proud, sturdy wine. Eden Valley fruit brings a high perfume of wild raspberry and fennel, while ancient Tanunda vines provide the grunt and grit that ensures great palate length and solid structure. Its beauty will bloom in the cellar.”

David Sly
Decanter
March 2022

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95 pts “Deep and crystalline ruby-red hue. Blueberry, sage and dry clay aromatics. Medium to full in weight, with still shy fruit and spices layered on the palate. Whilst the flavors may be shy there’s distinct power and intensity here. The tannins are a fine and sandy grain, with a tickle of acidity noted, bringing tension and drive into a seamless package. Time will see this pinot-esque grenache blossom.”

Stuart Knox
The Real Review
March 2021

94 pts “Around 80% of this is sourced from the Stone Garden Vineyard’s 1858 plantings at Springton. This has a deep and rich yet elegant feel with raspberry, red plum, goji, crushed stone and spice. The palate is seamless and fluid with impressive freshness of raspberry and red-plum fruit. Long, fine tannins.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
October 2021

93 pts “This is a perfumed, lucid and characterful Grenache that wafts blueberry, violets and savory, earthy spice. The medium- to full-figured palate shows power and lift, with chewy yet fine tannins, succulent fruit and a satiny texture. This is a classy bottling for sipping now and over the next decade.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
Best of Year Issue, November 2023