

2019 JOHN DUVAL WINES

ANNEXUS GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: John Duval, Tim Duval
REGION & SOURCING: Barossa, South Australia: 80% Eden Valley (sourced from 160 year-old Ancestor vines) and 20% Barossa Valley
VARIETALS: Grenache
MATURATION: 12 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: 2019 was a vintage where quality has triumphed over quantity, with spring frosts and dry conditions combining for greatly reduced yields across the Barossa. Volumes were well down on average, some vineyards more than 50% down, particularly in Eden Valley. What did come in showed exceptional depth of color, vibrant yet concentrated fruit with plenty of structure on the palate. The 2019 vintage will be remembered as a year for texture, structure and richness.

WINEMAKING: The Grenache was sourced from Barossa and Eden valleys, with some vines reaching 150 years old+. Fermentation took place in small, open top fermenters incorporating a small amount of whole bunches. The wine then matured for 12 months in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: Raspberry, red cherry, and floral top notes with a core of savory spice and earthen notes. Generous layers of graceful red fruits, with plenty of earthy spice and tension between the fruit and fine tannins. Balance is impressive as is the base of ripe tannins which support a long and pure finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 95 pts Wine Spectator, 95 pts Decanter, 95 pts The Real Review, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES: John Duval is one of Australia's most highly regarded winemakers; his time as Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange 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. With the 2016 vintage, John Duval Wines welcomed eldest son Tim to make wines and run the business alongside his father. Together, they craft intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.

