

2022 JOHN DUVAL COMONO CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKERS: John Duval, Tim Duval
REGION: Barossa - Eden & Barossa valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 15 months in French oak (20% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.6 g/L TA | 3.44 pH

VINTAGE: The 2022 vintage was set up beautifully with good soil moisture carrying over from the mild 2021 vintage. A significant October hail event reduced yields in some vineyards, but luckily most escaped without impacting quality. La Nina influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions again, allowing for even flavour accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

WINEMAKING: Comono is the result of the relentless and dedicated site-scouting John and Tim Duval are known for, determined to find the right vineyards in Eden and Barossa valleys that reflect varietal character with elegance and structure. The Eden Valley vineyard is a historic property, with Cabernet vines planted in the 1990s. In the northwest corner of the Barossa Valley, the site is slightly elevated and cooler, and ripens later in the harvest season. After picking, the grapes are fermented in small batches, in open top stainless steel containers; they see twice daily plunging and/or pumpovers with skin contact for 8 days.

TASTING NOTES: A stunning wine with complex aromas of blackberry leaf, cedar and cassis. The palate is bright showing off layers of Satsuma plum, exotic spices and graphite. A graceful, refined Cabernet Sauvignon with great ageing potential.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92 pts Vinous

ABOUT JOHN AND TIM DUVAL: John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers. Five generations of the Duval family have managed vineyards; John was the first to venture into winemaking. 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's old vine vineyards, John established his eponymous label in 2002, then in 2016, his eldest son Tim joined the family wine business working alongside his father. Together, they craft intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's terroir.

