

2021 JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS MATARO



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Mataro (Mourvèdre) from a single vineyard
MATURATION: 15 months in fine-grained French oak (15% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.60 g/L TA | 3.47 pH

VINTAGE: Better winter rains rewarded Barossa with better crops and berry size after a few drought-affected, lean years. Conditions through late February, March and April could only be described as perfect, with mild to warm days, with no heat spikes, combined with cool nights. This meant for a long, even ripening period and a lovely pace to the vintage. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

WINEMAKING: Sourced from a single, dry-grown centenarian vineyard in the Light Pass subdistrict of the Barossa Valley. Growing in sandy soils, this vineyard produces exceptionally low yields of intensely flavored and firmly structured fruit. The fruit was fermented in small, open-top stainless-steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs for 8 days, then matured in a combination of new and neutral fine-grained French oak.

TASTING NOTES: Aromas of deep dark fruits, with hints of rose and violet and smoky earth. Striking on the palate with layers of black plum, blackberry, blueberry and amaro notes supported by well-defined tannins, finishing long and clean with pleasing savoriness and slatey minerality.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT JOHN AND TIM DUVAL: 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. Ahead of the 2016 vintage, John Duval Wines welcomed a second generation as 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 diverse terroir.

