

2022 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 | 6.70 g/L TA | 3.46 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 flavor accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was fermented in small open top stainless-steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs for 8 days, before maturation for 15 months in finegrained French oak (15% in a new French hogshead, the balance in seasoned hogsheads and puncheons). 250 cases made.

TASTING NOTES: Deep dark fruits, pepper, dried herbs and smoky earth. Layers of black plum, dark chocolate and plush blue fruits. Notes of sage and amaro supported by well-defined savory tannins, finishing long with slatey minerality.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Vinous, 93 pts Wine Advocate

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.

