

2021 JOHN DUVAL COMPONO 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 | 7.0 g/L TA | 3.42 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: Compono 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: Stunning in its complex aromas of dark plum and blackberry preserves, the palate delivers with an exceptional depth of flavor. Red fruits and a fine dust of tannin swirl on the palate in a medium body with a long, finely tuned finish. This intense Cabernet Sauvignon provides a rich canvas of aromas and flavors derived from its growing location. This wine will maintain intrigue with age.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Wine Spectator, 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.

