

# 2016 JOHN DUVAL

## INTEGRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** John Duval  
**REGION:** Barossa, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Shiraz (30%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (42% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.58 pH

**VINTAGE:** Low winter and spring rainfall was followed by a hot spell in mid-December that were thankfully broken by over an inch of rain in late January. The timing of this rain was perfect, particularly for the dry grown vines. The balance of the ripening season comprised warm days, but slightly cooler than average night temperatures. Shiraz was first picked in the Krondorf area on 9 February and finished on 10 March in Eden Valley.

**WINEMAKING:** The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from a single vineyard site to the east of the township of Springton. Best estimates put the earliest planting date of the Cabernet vines at this vineyard in the 1890s, making these some of the oldest Cabernet vines still on their own roots anywhere in the world. The Shiraz component is a blend from exceptional old vineyards from the Barossa Valley. The Cabernet and Shiraz components were fermented separately for 8 days on skins in small open-top stainless steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs. The Cabernet was aged in a mix of new (50%) and 3rd use (50%) French oak hogsheads for 18 months. The wine was then blended with the Shiraz component and bottle aged for 2 years before release.

**TASTING NOTES:** the wine leads with dark chocolate and olive tapenade, roast beef crust and cocoa. The fruit in the mouth is dark and dense, and it has a tobacco, pipe smoke, dried fruit/Christmas cake spice inflection running through it. The texture is dense and chewy, but the wine exudes confidence and balance in equal measure.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 96 pts Wine Advocate

**ABOUT JOHN DUVAL:** John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers, and in 2023 celebrated his 50th vintage. As Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange, he 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 and now crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir. His son, Tim Duval joined as winemaker in 2016.

