

2022 JOHN DUVAL WINES

ANNEXUS GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: REGION & SOURCING: John Duval, Tim Duval
150-year old, low-yielding Eden Valley ancestor vineyard
VARIETALS: Grenache
MATURATION: 14 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | pH: 3.48 | TA: 6.3 g/L

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, but luckily most vineyards escaped without impacting quality. La Niña-influenced weather provided mild harvest conditions again, allowing for uniform flavor accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season, representative of the required quality reserved for this bottling, only produced in years of exceptional vintages from the prized and priceless ancestor vineyards accessible to the Duval family.

WINEMAKING: Fermentation took place in small, open top fermenters incorporating a small amount of whole bunches to accentuate savory character. The wine then matured for 12 months in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: Bright and juicy red cherry on the nose, with raspberry and floral top notes over a core of savory spice and earth. Opens with generous layers of elegant red fruits, plenty of savory earthy spice, and textured with round and juicy tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Vinous, 95+ Wine Advocate, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES: 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. With the 2016 vintage, John Duval Wines welcomed eldest son Tim to make wines and run the business alongside his father. Together, they craft intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.

