

`Annexus` Barossa Grenache 2015

Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



PRODUCER

Founded in 2003, John Duval Wines began with a single wine and grew over two decades to become one of the Barossa's most celebrated producers. John Duval is the sixth generation of his family to grow grapes in South Australia, but only the first to transition from grape growing to winemaking. Previously Chief Winemaker at Penfolds where he made some of the most celebrated vintages of 'Grange', John has carved out his own expressive style, which honours the Duval family history by working with growers with exceptional vineyards. These are wines with a sense of place which champion old Barossan vines. In 2016, John Duval Wines welcomed their next generation, as eldest son Tim joined the family wine business to work alongside his father.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for the Annexus Grenache was sourced from two very old low yielding Barossa vineyards. One lies south of Tanunda and is over 100 years old; the other is in Eden Valley and was planted in the 1860s. John obtained a small allocation from the older vineyard for the first time in 2013. A small unique blend, this wine will be made only in the best years.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage started with a warmer than usual spring followed by early, but even, flowering and fruit-set. Frost, particularly in the Northern Barossa reduced yields however the conditions during fruit ripening were pleasingly mild and dry with rain in mid-January bringing some welcome relief. Grenache was picked on 16th from the Northern Barossa and the 25th of March from Eden Valley.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation occurred in small open top fermenters, incorporating 20% whole bunches. The wine was 100% barrel matured for 12 months in old French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels). Only 250 cases were made of the first vintage of this wine.

TASTING NOTES

Bright purple red. Vibrant red fruit aromatics complexed by red roses and savoury spice. Fine and long, delicate yet carrying impressive purity and flavour intensity. An array of ripe red fruits, dark cherry and raspberry fill the palate finishing with hints of clove, dusty earth and velvety tannins.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache/Garnacha
Winemaker	John Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.3g/L
Acidity	6g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan