

# J O H N D U V A L W I N E S

## John Duval, `Annxus` Barossa Valley Grenache 2015

### PRODUCER

One of the world's great winemakers, John Duval was given the 'Grange' torch by Max Schubert, the man who created Australia's most famous wine. John passed it on to his successor when he left Penfolds in 2003 to start his own label. He sources fruit from long-time friends in the Barossa, all of whom own vineyards with vines aged from 50 to 100 years old. The wines are made with minimal intervention and showcase the best of the Barossa.

### 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.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| <b>Vintage</b>         | 2015                            |
| <b>Region</b>          | Barossa Valley, South Australia |
| <b>Grape Varieties</b> | 100% Grenache/Garnacha          |
| <b>Winemaker</b>       | John Duval                      |
| <b>Features</b>        | Vegan, Vegetarian               |
| <b>Closure</b>         | Screwcap                        |
| <b>ABV</b>             | 14%                             |
| <b>Acidity</b>         | 6g/L                            |
| <b>Wine pH</b>         | 3.5                             |
| <b>Bottle Sizes</b>    | 75cl                            |