

John Duval,

`Annexus` Barossa Valley Mataro 2017

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

The Mataro grapes were sourced from a 100-year-old vineyard in the Light Pass sub-district of the Barossa Valley. This heritage variety defines Barossa as one of the world's great wine regions.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was characterised by early rains and then record rainfall for September of 162mm, welcome relief after a few lean years. Summer saw very few extreme heat days, with temperatures being below the long-term average. These conditions produced a later start to vintage, and flavour coming in at lower Baumé. This is a vintage of fruit brightness, lovely supporting acidity and softer tannins.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the hand-picked grapes were fermented in a small, open top stainless steel fermenter. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 15 months in mainly 300 litre seasoned French oak hogsheads prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A vibrant purple red in colour, this Mataro displays aromas of spicy fruit, anise and ripe cherry, with hints of earth and leather. It is medium bodied on the palate, with a juicy core of bramble, mulberry and plum fruit, and integrated tannins that marry perfectly with a lifted acidity.

Grape Varieties	100% Mataro
Winemaker	John Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.32g/L
Acidity	7.1g/L
Wine pH	3.55
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan