

John Duval,
`Annxus` Barossa Grenache 2022
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Grenache
Winemaker	John Duval and Tim Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.41g/L
Acidity	6.1g/L
Wine pH	3.44
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 solely from a very old, low-yielding vineyard in the Eden Valley. Planted in the 1860s, the vines are now over 150 years old. John obtained a small allocation for the first time in 2013 and this limited production wine will be made only in the very best years.

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 in some vineyards, but luckily most escaped without any impact on quality. La Nina influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions again, allowing for even flavour accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation occurred in small, open top fermenters and included a small number of whole bunches to accentuate Grenache's savoury characters. The wine was matured for 14 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads and puncheons.

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby red in colour, with lifted notes of raspberry, red cherry, and floral hints apparent on the nose. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, with generous layers of elegant red fruits accompanied by plenty of savoury spice and velvety tannins that ease into a long, pure finish.