



## 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 fruit for this wine is sourced from a single dry grown 105-year-old vineyard in the Light Pass subdistrict of the Barossa Valley. The vines are planted in sandy soils near the banks of the North Para River, producing exceptionally low yields of intensely flavoured and firmly structured fruit.

## VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage in the Barossa Valley marked a welcome return to average following several challenging drought years. Improved winter rainfall, supplemented by a well-timed 30mm precipitation event in early February, delivered enhanced crop yields and superior berry development. The growing season from late February through April provided ideal conditions, characterised by consistently mild to warm days without extreme heat events, paired with cool evening temperatures. This climatic balance facilitated an extended, even ripening period that allowed for measured harvest timing. The confluence of these favourable conditions establishes 2021 as an exceptional vintage year for the Barossa Valley.

## VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery the grapes were fermented in small, open top stainless-steel tanks for eight days with twice daily pump overs. Following this, maturation lasted 15 months in fine-grained French oak, 30% in a new 500 litre puncheon and the balance in seasoned hogsheads.

## TASTING NOTES

Vibrant purple red in colour with aromas of plum, violet and blackberry with a complex earthiness. The palate develops the dark fruit characteristics which are supported by well-defined tannins and a savoury aspect on the long finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>86% Mataro</b> <b>14% Shiraz</b>
Winemaker	<b>John and Tim Duval</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>14.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.38g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>6.6g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.47</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>