



JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS GRENACHE 2018

Attached, linked or joined to; highlighting exceptional elements of Plexus

Background:

Whilst Shiraz may have played a leading role in John Duval's winemaking career, he has long admired the qualities of Barossa Grenache. Through long term relationships with local grape growing families, we are able to source Grenache from a priceless resource of old vineyards to contribute to our Plexus red blend. In the very best years, parcels of the most exceptional wines are reserved for Annexus Grenache, with the intention of showcasing the best Grenache from an exceptional vintage, sourced from old and ancestor Barossa vines.

2018 Vintage:

Following the pattern of recent years, the preceding winter rainfalls were above average followed by slightly drier conditions through spring. Warmer than average conditions through October and November promoted healthy canopies, good flowering and a healthy set of bunches. Very dry conditions through summer challenged growers to maintain good vineyard health, and they were rewarded with perfect ripening and harvest conditions throughout March and early April.

This Grenache was sourced from two very old, low yielding vineyards - 90% from an Eden Valley ancestor vineyard over 150 years old, and 10% from 55 year old bush vines planted in the rich red brown soils of the Northern Barossa Valley. Fermentation occurred in a small, open top fermenters, incorporating a small number of whole bunches to accentuate Grenache's savoury characters. The wine was barrel matured for 12 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads.

Winemakers' notes:

Nose: Lifted raspberry, licorice and floral top notes

Palate: Generous layers of graceful red and black fruits, plenty of savoury spice and velvety tannins finishing long and pure.

Technical Analysis:

Alc: 14.0% pH: 3.54 TA: 5.90 g/L

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