



JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS GRENACHE 2019

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.

2019 Vintage:

2019 was a vintage where quality has triumphed over quantity, with spring frosts and dry conditions combining for greatly reduced yields across the Barossa. Volumes were well down on average, some vineyards more than 50% down, particularly in Eden Valley. However, the fruit we did (very gratefully) receive showed exceptional depth of colour, vibrant yet concentrated fruit with plenty of structure on the palate. 2019 will be remembered as a year for texture, structure and richness.

This Grenache was sourced from two very old, low yielding vineyards - 80% from an Eden Valley ancestor vineyard over 150 years old, and 20% from Survivor vines planted in the Tanunda region.

Winemaking: 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 and puncheons. Only 250 cases produced.

Winemakers' notes:

Nose: Raspberry, red cherry, and floral top notes with a core of savoury spice & earthen notes.

Palate: Generous layers of graceful red fruits, plenty of savoury earthy spice and tension between the fruit and fine tannins, finishing long and pure.

Technical Analysis:

Alc: 14.0% pH: 3.54 TA: 5.51 g/L

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