



JOHN DUVAL CONCILIO 2019

From the Latin, to bring together

Background:

The development and naming of this wine is in many ways symbolic of the evolution of John Duval Wines as we bring together two generations of the Duval family in the business with Tim Duval joining his father John ahead of the 2016 vintage. And whilst we continue our love of working with old Barossa vineyards, this wine also reflects the style evolution of Barossa Grenache that is being led by the region's many small artisan winemakers. Concilio Grenache was jointly conceived by John and Tim, and is a wine representative of the ever broadening shift away from the sweet, confectioned expressions of Barossa Grenache prevalent in the 1990's, to wines that display more vibrancy, texture and savouriness. Wines that represent what we admire most of this variety, and wines that are eminently suitable to accompanying food.

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. Grenache for Concilio was harvested on 9 March and Mataro on 20 March.

Vineyards:

This second release of Concilio was sourced from an old bush vine block of Grenache located to the south of Tanunda. The parcel of Mataro (15%) was sourced from a single vineyard at Light Pass, selected for its savoury notes and acidity that complemented the Grenache.

Winemaking:

The Grenache was harvested by hand from 80 year old vines and fermented in small open top fermenters with some *pigeage* for 8 days. 33% of the fruit retained as whole bunch to enhance the tannin profile of the wine. The Mataro component spent 7 days on skins with twice daily pumpovers. Both Grenache and Mataro components were matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 12 months.

Winemakers' notes:

Nose: vibrant, bright raspberries and provincial herbs with hints of savoury spice

Palate: "A soft and textured wine of concentrated juicy red fruit that lingers across the length of the palate, finishing with a gentle lick of savoury tannin to provide elegant line and length. Supple, yet not lacking in fruit power."
John and Tim Duval

Technical Analysis:

Alc: 14% pH: 3.59 TA: 5.56 g/L

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