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2021 ANNEXUS MATARO

REVIEWS

**96 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion, 03 April 2023**

Mataro sourced from 100-year-old, dry-grown bush vines in Light Pass. Dark plum, mulberry and macerated berry fruit are cut with notes of exotic spice, hanging meats, licorice, earth and light purple floral tones. There is a lovely fruit density and texture here, pure yet savoury edged with tight, sandy tannin support and a spicy red and dark-fruited finish. Proof that mataro is capable of greatness.

**94 points, Andrew Caillard MW, The Vintage Journal Barossa Guide, May 2023**

Medium deep crimson. Fresh black cherry, dark plum, ferruginous/graphite aromas with lifted notes. Well balanced and inky deep with ample black cherry, dark plum fruits, fine slinky dry textures, some roasted walnut, pan-forte notes and long fresh acidity.

**94 points, Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 21 June 2024**

The 2021 Annexus Mataro is from a dry-grown sandy vineyard site in Light Pass, planted over 100 years ago. This is spicy and supple, elegant and refined. It has the earthy bedrock that Mataro masters so completely, yet it is offset by a fine-boned framework of pliable tannin. The fruit is purple and forest derived, and it has a perimeter of sandalwood, cumin and blackberry. Super wine. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

**94 points, Mike Bennie, The Wine Front, February 2023**

From a 100 -year-old vineyard in the Light Pass parish of the Barossa Valley. Chunky but refreshing expression of mataro. Dark cherry, lavender, bay leaf and paprika scents and flavours. Soft texture that grows into a long trail of woody spices with some requisite chew from sandy tannin. It's a big mouthful but there's a nice reset with each sip. It gives a dictionary definition of the variety from the region and delivers extra in detail and interest. Truly charming wine.



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