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2022 ANNEXUS MATARO

**BACKGROUND**

First planted in Barossa in the 1850's, the region is today a rich source of old vine Mataro, including the oldest known vineyards in the world. Our relationships with local grape growing families provide privileged access to many exceptional old Mataro vineyards from which we produce wine for our Plexus Red blend. Encouraged by the response to our initial bottlings of small parcels of Grenache under the Annexus label, we extended the idea of presenting the best of the varietal components of Plexus in a single vineyard, varietal Mataro.

**VINTAGE**

The 2022 vintage was set up beautifully with good soil moisture carrying over from the mild 2021 vintage. A significant October hail event reduced yields in some vineyards, but luckily most escaped without impacting quality. La Nina influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions again, allowing for even flavour accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

**VINEYARD**

Mataro was sourced from a single dry grown centenarian vineyard in the Light Pass subdistrict of the Barossa Valley. Growing in sandy soils near the banks of the North Para River, this vineyard produces exceptionally low yields of intensely flavoured and firmly structured fruit.

**WINEMAKING**

The fruit was fermented in small open top stainless-steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs for 8 days, before maturation for 15 months in fine-grained French oak (15% in a new French hogshead, the balance in seasoned hogsheads and puncheons). 250 cases made.

**WINEMAKERS NOTES**

**NOSE:** Deep dark fruits, pepper, dried herbs and smoky earth.

**PALATE:** Layers of black plum, dark chocolate and plush blue fruits. Notes of sage and amaro supported by well-defined savoury tannins, finishing long with slatey minerality.



**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Alc: 14.5% • pH: 3.46 • TA: 6.7 g/L

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