

JOHN DUVAL NEW RELEASES

Through his achievements at Penfolds over nearly three decades, John Duval became one of Australia's most respected winemakers. In 2003 he took on the challenge of establishing his own brand and, in doing so, lifted his reputation to another level. His winemaking operation has remained small, so his annual release under the John Duval Wines labels, is eagerly anticipated. All of John's wines are sourced from the Barossa Valley and/or Eden Valley.

2017 John Duval Wines Plexus Marsanne Roussanne Viognier

There's an attractive, but not dominant, apricot impact of viognier on the bouquet. This is a reserved wine, considering the three robust varieties from which it's formed, and the talc-like texture, fresh fruitiness and crisp acidity all merge well on the palate. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

*45% Marananga marsanne, 45% Kalimna roussanne, 10% Eden Valley viognier. 25% aged in French oak (15% new puncheons)
The rest aged on lees in tank.*



John Duval

2016 John Duval Wines Plexus Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre The subtle undergrowth complexity together with low-key oak and a whiff of grenache perfume work beautifully with the dark berry fruit. This isn't a big, alcoholic red, but the flavour length and fine tannins are very satisfying indeed. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

52% Eden Valley, Krondorf & Ebenezer shiraz, 30% Tanunda, Greenock & Ebenezer grenache, 18% Light Pass & Ebenezer mourvèdre. About 20% whole-bunch in the grenache fermentation. 13% new French hogsheads.

June 11, 2018

2016 John Duval Wines Annexus Grenache This is definitely not the typical Turkish delight Barossa grenache. The dark berry/raspberry fruit carries very pleasing complex notes that the French sometimes refer to as *garrigue* (herbs of Provence). The tannins are super-fine on a palate that is sumptuous but not heavy. A very special grenache. (\$70.00)

★★★★★

From two old vineyards in the Eden Valley and Northern Barossa. The Eden Valley vines are over 150 years old. Matured for 12 months in older French hogsheads.

2016 John Duval Wines Annexus Mataro The nose is very appealing, showing floral notes and varietal earthiness. The palate is supple and delicious, balanced by very fine, savoury tannins. Irresistible. (\$70.00)

★★★★☆

From centenarian bush vines at Light Pass. Matured in French hogsheads (25% new)

2016 John Duval Wines Entity Shiraz An opulent, classic Barossa shiraz offering subtle suggestions of violets, seasoned new oak and dark chocolate in the bouquet. The tannins are beautifully polished and varietal flavour lingers on the finish.(\$50.00) ★★★★★

From old vines at Krondorf, Ebenezer, Moppa, Light Pass and Eden Valley. Matured for 15 months in French hogsheads (33% new)

2015 John Duval Wines Eligo Shiraz If a ripe, almost jammy, high-alcohol Barossa shiraz is what you seek, you may as well stop reading now. It's as though the Eden Valley component (25%) drives this wine because the nose is about red berry and florals rather than blackberry and dark chocolate. High quality French oak plays a role in both the aromatics and palate, but doesn't dominate. Once again the tannins are almost miraculously fine. (\$120.00) Cork seal ★★★★★

75% Barossa Valley, 25% Eden Valley. Matured for 20 months in French hogsheads (52% new)

This is probably the best range of wines John has released. The consistency of quality is admirable, reflecting attention to even the minutest detail from vineyard to bottle. John doesn't rely on brute force to make a point in any of these wines, yet they are great expressions of the Barossa region, and all should age well.

<http://www.johnduvalwines.com/pages/buy-wine.php>

If you're not a Winewise subscriber, please join us (Only \$35 per year) <http://winewise.net.au/>