



## JOHN DUVAL ANNEXUS GRENACHE 2020

*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.

### **2020 Vintage:**

Dry conditions for the second year in a row presented some challenges, with yields again well down. Despite the dry conditions, February and March were cooler than average, providing a long and even ripening period. The resulting wines are of very high quality, with great purity and depth of fruit characters.

This Grenache was sourced an Eden Valley ancestor vineyard over 150 years old.

**Winemaking:** Fermentation occurred in a small, open top fermenter, incorporating a small number of whole bunches to accentuate Grenache's savoury characters. The wine was barrel matured for 14 months in a seasoned French oak hogshead. Only 60 cases produced due to miniscule yields.

### **Winemakers' notes:**

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

**Palate:** Generous, deep 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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