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2021 ANNEXUS SHIRAZ

REVIEWS

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

Deep crimson. Mucky plum, blackberry, pastille aromas and flavours with roasted walnut, aniseed notes. Medium - powered and pure fruited on the palate with lacy fine tannins and attractive maturation complexity. Finishes chalky firm with lovely dark berry pastille fruits. Beautiful wine.

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

The John Duval wines really are modern classics. This is the first release of Annexus shiraz. This comes from a single vineyard of Eden Valley shiraz that often finds its way into blending for the general shiraz wines from John Duval. It sees 25% new French oak. It's got tension and precision written all over it. Heavily perfumed in forest berries, dark chocolate, alpine herbs and new leather/mahogany Chesterfield chair kinda thing. It's succulent in texture, fine and firm in the palate and stretches luxuriously long. All of that perfume translates to flavours, a bit of extra cedar oak seasoning and a touch of sweet-earthiness too. It's beautifully balance and all up classy.

**95 points, Huon Hooke, The Real Review, 17th January 2023**

Glass-staining purple colour with a sweet blackberry, floral, charray oak and vanilla/chocolate bouquet, a bright bold fruit character like blackcurrant pastilles. A touch of dried herbs ... thyme and oregano. Concentrated sweet fruit. Tannins are drying and firm, a solid full-bodied shiraz that needs a bit of time and will certainly reward keeping. 2025–2043

**94 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion, 20th December 2022**

Single-vineyard shiraz from Mount McKenzie; aged for 15 months in predominantly seasoned French oak. Deep blackberry and black plums with hints of fine spice, roasting meats, black licorice, cassis, violets and earth. There is a sense of grace and latent power on the palate, with pure fruit and plenty of detail across fine, compact tannins and bright acidity that propels the wine forward.

