

J O H N D U V A L W I N E S

2023 ANNEXUS SHIRAZ

BACKGROUND

The first Annexus was borne in 2013 when we got access to an amazing 1858 planted grenache vineyard in Eden Valley. In 2016 we introduced an Annexus Mataro and finally, completing the deconstruction of our Plexus SGM, an Annexus Shiraz in 2021. Each vintage we aim to highlight a different, exceptional single parcel of Shiraz to showcase the amazing sites we have access to in our home, the Barossa.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was the third vintage in a row influenced by La Nina weather patterns. Vineyards had excellent soil moisture and produced healthy crops, which combined with the cooler conditions to produce a late start to harvest.

VINEYARD

This year's Annexus is sourced from a single vineyard parcel from the Fechner family in the Northern Eden Valley. Grown on schisty soils, with a mixture of limestone and quartzite over clay, the east facing vineyard displays a beautiful balance of fruit richness and finesse.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was fermented in an open top stainless-steel fermenter with twice daily pump overs for 8 days, before maturation for 15 months in fine-grained French oak (25% in new French Oak hogsheads, the balance in seasoned French hogsheads). 250 cases made

WINEMAKERS NOTES

NOSE: Spiced dark plums and mulberry with underlying peppercorn and spice rack aromas.

PALATE: Layers of raspberry pastille and dark plum, excellent mid-palate richness and texture supported by graceful and flowing chalky tannins with a finish of impact and length.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.0% • pH: 3.40 • TA: 6.59 g/L

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