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2009 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (48%), Grenache (31%), Mourvedre (21%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 10% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 3.45 pH: 3.45 | TA: 6.1 g/L

PLEXUS: An interwoven combination of parts or elements in a structure or system

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2009 vintage was very successful with some excellent wines made. Shiraz was strong but Grenache and Mourvedre quality was its best for many years. After the extreme temperature of the second half of the 2008 vintage it was a relief to receive average rainfall over winter and follow up rains of 100mm in November and December. A period of hot weather followed in late January, lasting through to early February, followed by favourable conditions with no extreme heat and little rain until late April. Vintage started 2 weeks later than 2007 and 2008 with yields generally down.

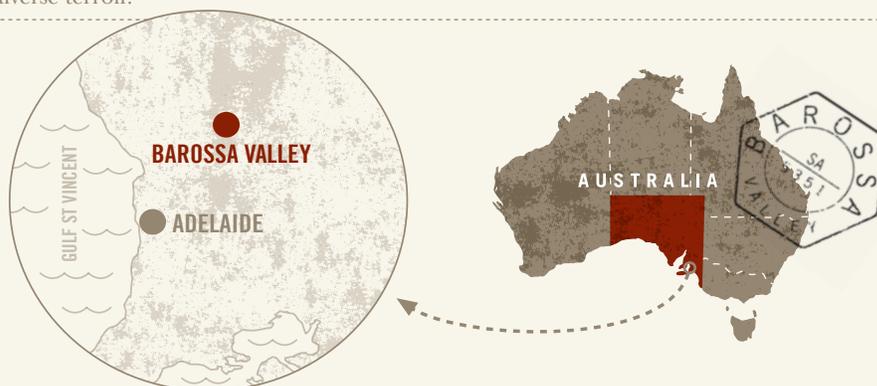
TASTING NOTES:

Plexus is an intricately structured blend comprised of rich and vibrant fruit from Barossa Valley's old, low yielding vines. A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, Plexus expresses aromatic red fruits that are supported by ripe plums and earthy spice and savory oak characters. The palate is rich, round and full of concentrated, bright berry fruit. These flavors are balanced by vibrant acidity and soft, ripe tannins. A touch of oak adds complexity to a long and layered finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Australian Wine Companion, 93 pts Wine Spectator, 93 pts eRobertparker.com, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES:

John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers. As Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange, he was instrumental in establishing Penfolds as one of the world's great wineries. Inspired by the Barossa Valley's old vine vineyards, John established his own label in 2002 and now crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.



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