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2010 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER:	John Duval
REGION:	Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz (52%), Grenache (29%), Mourvedre (19%)
MATURATION:	15 months in 100% French oak (10% new)
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol 6.1 g/L TA 3.48 pH

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

Barossa received its best winter rains in five years. The 2010 growing season started cool and mild, but in November there was a week of surprisingly hot weather, resulting in reduced fruit set and yield for some red varieties, particularly Grenache and Mourvedre. A good soaking rain followed allowing vine canopies to recover. Temperatures through December and January were close to average. Veraison began slightly earlier in January, and with good vine balance, ripening was even and early. 2010 vintage was quite condensed and finished by the end of March.

TASTING NOTES:

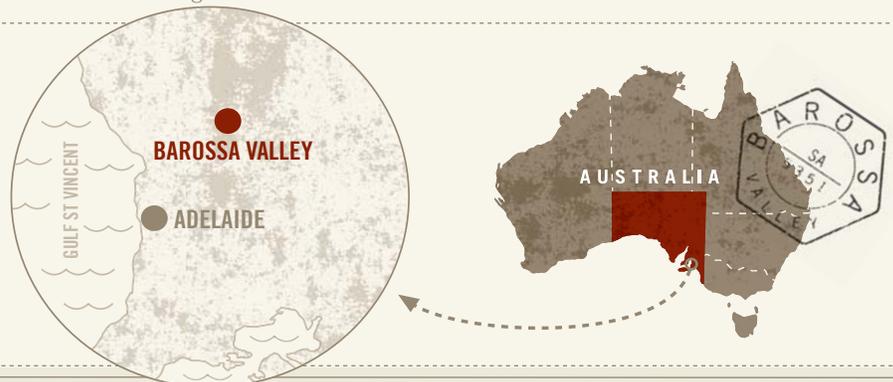
The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Krondorf, Marananga and Ebenezer regions, Grenache from old bush vines in the Stockwell and Krondorf regions and Mourvedre from old bush vines, the oldest over 100 years old in the Light Pass and Krondorf regions. A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, Plexus expresses complex aromas and flavors combining red and dark fruits with savory notes. The palate is framed by youthful fine tannins and subtle savory French oak adds to the structure and complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **92 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **91 pts** Wine Spectator

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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