



## 2011 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS MRV

**WINEMAKER:** John Duval  
**REGION:** Barossa Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Marsanne (64%), Roussanne (25%), Viognier (11%)  
**MATURATION:** 50% in French oak (10% new) for 6 months  
**ALCOHOL:** 12.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.30

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

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The growing season in the Barossa was cooler than average, with delayed bud burst, flowering and veraison. This coupled with above average rainfall in December and March, made for a challenging vintage. Disease risk was reduced with good canopy management, which enabled better light penetration and airflow. The cooler vintage produced some elegant vibrant whites with good natural acidity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES:

Gentle pressings were combined with free run juice and cold settled. Fermentation commenced in stainless steel but some of the Marsanne and Viognier finished fermentation in and was aged in barrel until bottled in late September. The remaining Marsanne and the Roussanne was aged on lees in tank until bottling, to enhance the structure and texture of the wine.

### TASTING NOTES:

The aim with Plexus MRV is to promote a vibrant expression of fruit aromas from the interaction of the three varieties; and on the palate, to build structure and texture, rather than just acid crispness. The nose has fresh, lifted aromas of stone fruit, honey suckle and citrus. This is a medium-bodied wine with flavors of mandarin, pear, fennel and Asian spice characters that finishes with lingering citrus notes and minimal acidity.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 91 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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