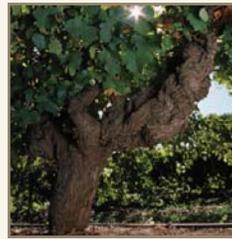


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2013 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS MRV

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Marsanne (55%), Roussanne (32%), Viognier (13%)
MATURATION: 50% in French oak (10% new) for 6 months
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.25

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

The dry 2012 winter and spring and a warm to hot summer meant low yields and an early start. Some Shiraz was picked on the 12th of February and Roussanne a week later on the 19th, Marsanne on the 22nd of February and the Viognier in the first week of March. Yields were predictably low but gave us good richness and texture for the MRV blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Marsanne was hand-picked from the Marananga and Seppeltfield region, Roussanne from the Kalimna region and Viognier from Eden Valley. 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.

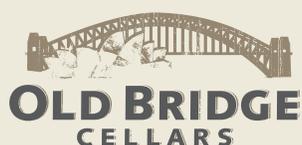
TASTING NOTES:

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 Asian spice. This is a medium-bodied wine with flavors of mandarin, pear and fennel characters that finishes with lingering citrus notes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts The Wine Advocate

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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