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## 2012 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

**WINEMAKER :** John Duval  
**REGION :** Barossa Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS :** Shiraz (51%), Grenache (30%), Mourvedre (19%)  
**MATURATION :** 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (10% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 14.5% alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.5 pH

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

### VINTAGE NOTES :

A warmer spring and cooler summer summarized the 2012 vintage conditions. Vine health was very good coming out of spring and this combined with a mild summer and only three rain events over three months during vintage, has resulted in some excellent wines being produced. Yields were generally slightly below average.

### WINEMAKING NOTES :

Traditional, low intervention techniques are employed. Fermentation occurred with submerged cap and small open stainless steel fermenters. The wine was 100% barrel matured for 15 months, with just 10% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels); with the balance in three to six-year-old barrels. Some Shiraz finished fermentation in new French oak.

### TASTING NOTES :

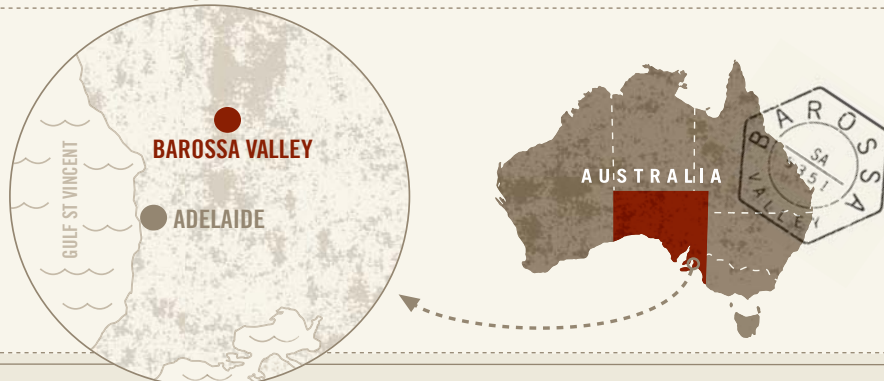
The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Tanunda, Light Pass and Ebenezer districts, Grenache from the Tanunda and Ebenezer region, and Mourvèdre from the Light Pass region. A true reflection of Barossa’s soil and climate, Plexus expresses complex aromas and flavors combining red and dark fruits with savory notes. The palate is framed by youthful fine tannins and subtle savory French oak adds structure and complexity.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

92 pts Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, 92 pts Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

### 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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