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2013 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (54%), Grenache (32%), Mourvedre (14%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (8% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.24 g/L TA | 3.5 pH

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2013 vintage story was all about the dry 2012 winter and spring leading into a warm to hot summer. In the Barossa this always means low yields and an early start to vintage. Vintage started with a rush on the 12th of February with some early Shiraz.

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 8% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 liter barrels); with the balance in three to six-year-old barrels. Some Shiraz finished fermentation in new French oak.

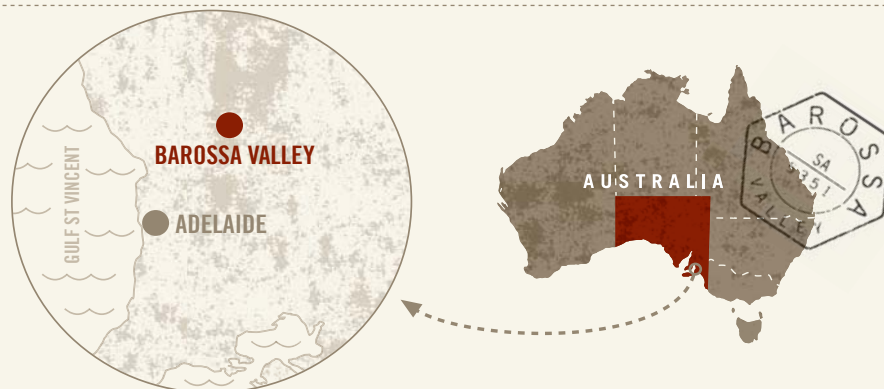
TASTING NOTES:

The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Tanunda, Krondorf 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: 94 pts The Australian Companion, 93+ pts The Wine Advocate, 92 pts Vinous, 92 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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