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2014 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS MRV

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Marsanne (57%), Roussanne (30%), Viognier (13%)
MATURATION: 50% in French oak (10% new) for 6 months
ALCOHOL: 12.7% alc/vol | TA: 5.8 g/L | pH: 3.36

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

After good winter and early spring rains the soil profiles were generally full, but a combination of a windy spring with northern Barossa frosts reduced the production for some vineyards. A dry late spring and hot start to summer was brought to a halt on Valentine's day by significant rain and then cooler conditions for the remainder of vintage.

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 early August. The remaining Marsanne and the Roussanne was aged on lees in tank until bottling, to enhance the structure and texture of the wine.

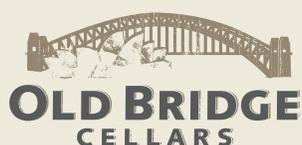
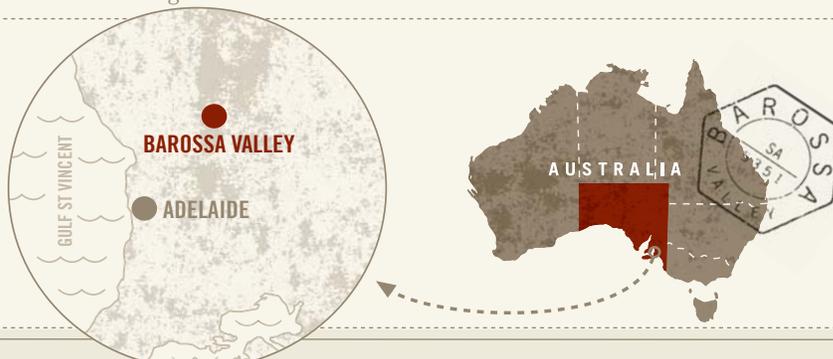
TASTING NOTES:

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 dried apricot. This is a medium-bodied wine with good texture, a dry finish and balanced acidity. Flavors of nectarine, mandarin, and pear.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts Vinous, 88 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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