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2014 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (47%), Grenache (32%), Mourvedre (21%)
MATURATION: 14 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (10% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.16 g/L TA | 3.49 pH

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2014 vintage did provide some challenges. After good winter and early spring rains the soil profiles were generally full, but a combination of a windy spring with northern Barossa frosts dramatically 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. Due to the dry, hot January, vintage started early with whites but with the rain reds were delayed until the end of February.

WINEMAKING 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. Traditional, low intervention techniques are employed. Fermentation occurred with submerged cap and small open stainless steel fermenters. The wine was 100% barrel matured for 14 months, with just 10% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300L barrels); with the balance in three to six-year-old barrels.

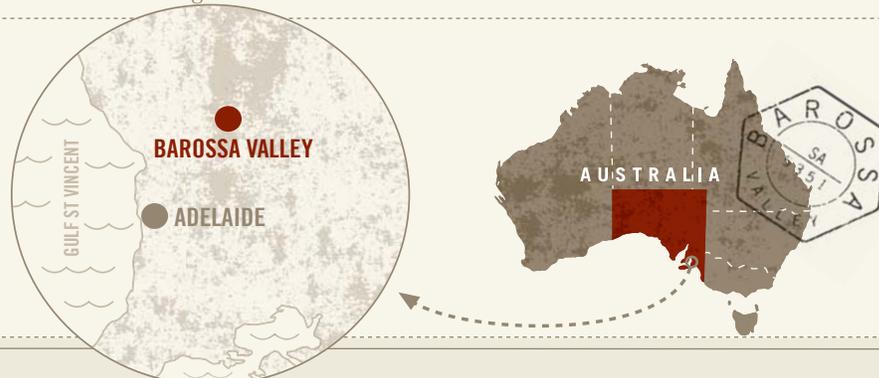
TASTING NOTES:

A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, the aromas combine red and dark fruits with savory spicy notes. The palate is generous with good intensity of bright, plush blackberry fruit and fruit cake notes held together by its appealing texture and soft tannin backbone.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts - Top 100 Wines of 2016 #34 Wine Spectator, 93 pts Vinous, 92+ 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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