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2010 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS MRV

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Marsanne (62%), Roussanne (26%), Viognier (12%)
MATURATION: 7 months, 50% French oak (7% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.0% alc/vol

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

After a dry 2009 vintage the Barossa received it's best winter rains for the last 5 years. The growing season started out cool and mild, but in November experienced a week of unseasonal hot weather. A good soaking rain followed the heat allowing vine canopies to recover. Temperatures through December and January were close to average. Veraison began slightly earlier in January and with good vine balance ripening was even and early. 2010 vintage was quite condensed and finished by the end of March.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

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.

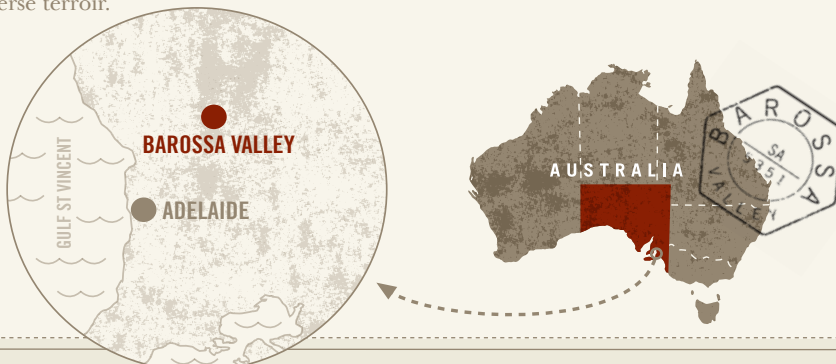
TASTING NOTES:

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 lifted aromas of stone fruits and citrus. The palate is medium bodied with flavors of mandarin, pear and Asian spice. The wine finishes with lingering citrus notes and minimal acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Robert Parker's 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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