



2011 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (59%), Grenache (31%), Mourvedre (10%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak (10% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 5.9 g/L TA | 3.5 pH

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

The growing season in the Barossa was cooler than average, with delayed bud burst, flowering and varasion. This coupled with above average rainfall in December and March, made for a challenging vintage. Disease risk was reduced with good canopy management, which enabled better light penetration and airflow. Rigorous fruit selection was still required and wine make volumes significantly reduced compared to 2010.

TASTING NOTES:

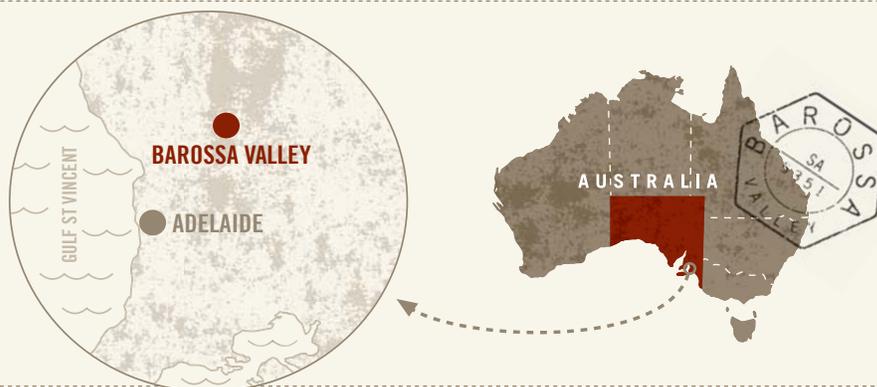
The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Marananga, Lyndoch and Ebenezer districts. The old vine Grenache was sourced from the Krondorf region and Mourvedre from old bush vines, the oldest over 100 years old, in the Krondorf and Lights Pass regions. A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, 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 to the structure and complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 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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