

2019 JOHN DUVAL

PLEXUS SGM



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (45%), Grenache (32%), Mourvedre (23%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (15% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 5.7 g/L TA | 3.59 pH

VINTAGE: 2019 was a vintage where quality triumphed over quantity, with spring frosts and dry conditions combining for greatly reduced yields across the Barossa. Volumes were well down on average, some vineyards more than 50% down, particularly in Eden Valley. However, the fruit retrieved (very gratefully) showed exceptional depth of color. 2019 will be remembered as a year for texture, structure and richness.

WINEMAKING: The parcels of fruit were fermented separately with a submerged cap in small open stainless-steel fermenters. A portion of the Grenache ferment included whole bunches to accentuate the savory aspects of the variety. The wines were barrel matured for 15 months, with 15% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads and the balance in older seasoned hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: The nose shows vibrant red fruits, licorice, cinnamon and hints of toasted oak. The palate is generous and velvety with layers of red and black fruits, savory spices finish that is long, pure, and elegant.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Halliday Wine Companion

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL: 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.

