

2020 JOHN DUVAL WINES

PLEXUS MRV

**WINEMAKER:**

John Duval, Tim Duval

REGION:

Barossa, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Marsanne (69%), Roussanne (16%), Viognier (15%)

MATURATION:

50% in French oak (20% new) for 6 months

ANALYSIS:

12.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: Dry conditions for the second year in a row presented some challenges, with yields again well down. Despite the dry conditions, February and March were cooler than average, providing a long and even ripening period. The resulting wines are of very high quality, with great purity and depth of fruit characters.

WINEMAKING: Marsanne was hand-picked from the Marananga 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. Aromas of apricot and nectarine mingle with citrus and ginger. On the palate, flavors of mandarin and ginger spice. The medium body has texture and silk, which extends to the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Wine Pilot, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 89 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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 with his son, Tim Duval, crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.

