

2022 JOHN DUVAL WINES

PLEXUS WHITE BLEND



WINEMAKER:

John Duval, Tim Duval

REGION:

Barossa, South Australia

VARIETALS:

Roussanne (57%), Marsanne (31%), Viognier (12%)

MATURATION:

20% in fine-grained French oak for 7 months

ANALYSIS:

12.5% alc/vol | pH: 3.12 | TA: 5.5 g/L

VINTAGE: Roussanne was sourced from the Kalimna sub-region of Barossa, Marsanne from the Marananga sub-region, and Viognier from Eden Valley. The 2022 vintage was set up beautifully with good soil moisture carrying over from the mild 2021. A significant October hail event reduced yields in the Marsanne vineyard, but luckily the Roussanne and Viognier escaped any damage. La Niña-influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions again, allowing for uniform flavor accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

WINEMAKING: 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, and then was aged in puncheon until bottling in early October. The remaining Marsanne and the Roussanne aged on lees in tank until bottling, to enhance the structure and texture of the wine.

TASTING NOTES: This wine plays with the expression of the three varietals, promoting vibrant aromas while also delivering texture, and not simply acid crispness. On the nose, ripe nectarine, peach and pear with hints of ginger and quince blossom. Flavors are pristine with layers of peach, nectarine and pear, subtle hints of mandarin and a lilted baking spice.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93+ pts The Winefront, 93 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 pts Vinous

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.

