



John Duval, `Plexus` Barossa Valley Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvedre 2013

PRODUCER

One of the world's great winemakers, John Duval was given the 'Grange' torch by Max Schubert and passed it on to his successor when he left Penfolds to start out on his own with the 2003 vintage, sourcing fruit from some long-time friends in the Barossa. His red wines - a Shiraz and a Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvedre blend - are sourced from old Barossa vines aged between 50 and 100 years old and showcase the best of the Barossa region. In 2010 he introduced a white Plexus wine to his range using traditional white Rhône varietals.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Tanunda, Krondorf and Ebenezer regions, Grenache from the Tanunda and Ebenezer region and Mourvèdre from the Light Pass region.

VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage was characterised by a very dry winter and spring which led into a hot summer. This meant yields were low and the fruit was picked earlier than usual, starting in the second week of February.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation with submerged cap occurred in both traditional old open and small stainless steel fermenters. The wine was then 100% barrel matured for 14 months, with just 8% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels), and the remainder in three to six year old barrels. Some Shiraz finished fermentation in new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Deep crimson, the 2013 Plexus has an attractive red and black fruit character with savoury undertones. Generous on the palate, with a soft texture and fine soft tannins.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2013
Region	Barossa Valley, South Australia
Grape Varieties	54% Syrah/Shiraz 32% Grenache/Garnacha 14% Mourvedre
Winemaker	John Duval
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	6.4g/L
Wine pH	3.51
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl, 300cl