

## `Plexus` Barossa Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvèdre 2016

Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



### PRODUCER

One of the world's great winemakers, John Duval was given the 'Grange' torch by Max Schubert, the man who created Australia's most famous wine. John passed it on to his successor when he left Penfolds in 2003 to start his own label. He sources fruit from long-time friends in the Barossa, all of whom own vineyards with vines aged from 50 to 100 years old. The wines are made with minimal intervention and showcase the best of the Barossa.

### VINEYARDS

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

### VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season started with a warm, dry spring with good conditions for flowering and fruit-set. The balance of the ripening season comprised warm days, but slightly cooler than average nights, helping the vines to cope with the warm conditions.

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation was carried out with the cap submerged and in small open stainless steel fermenters. The wine was 100% barrel matured for 15 months, with just 13% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels). The remaining barrels were between three and six years of age.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is vibrant purple-red in colour with intense red and black fruit aromas, which are complemented by dried herbs and floral notes. It is medium-bodied with smooth, fine tannins and a bright acidity. The finish is long and spicy.

Grape Varieties **53% Syrah/Shiraz**  
**29% Grenache/Garnacha**  
**18% Mourvèdre**

Winemaker	John Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	6.1g/L
Wine pH	3.55
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan