

John Duval,

`Plexus` Barossa Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvèdre 2021

Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	48% Shiraz 28% Grenache 24% Mourvèdre
Winemaker	John and Tim Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.45g/L
Acidity	6.6g/L
Wine pH	3.51
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Founded in 2003, John Duval Wines began with a single wine and grew over two decades to become one of the Barossa's most celebrated producers. John Duval is the sixth generation of his family to grow grapes in South Australia, but only the first to transition from grape growing to winemaking. Previously Chief Winemaker at Penfolds where he made some of the most celebrated vintages of 'Grange', John has carved out his own expressive style, which honours the Duval family history by working with growers with exceptional vineyards. These are wines with a sense of place which champion old Barossan vines. In 2016, John Duval Wines welcomed their next generation, as eldest son Tim joined the family wine business to work alongside his father.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz grapes were sourced from old vineyards in the Krondorf, and Tanunda subregions of Barossa, while the Grenache grapes were sourced from vineyards located in the Moppa, Greenock, Ebenezer and Tanunda areas. The Mourvèdre was sourced from the Ebenezer and Light Pass regions.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage in the Barossa Valley began with warm conditions and average rainfall. After two consecutive years of extreme weather conditions at flowering, late spring was calm and uneventful. This allowed great fruit set and healthy canopies carrying slightly above average crop load. Some well-timed rainfall in late January replenished the soil profile before a cool, dry March allowed slow and steady ripening and development of mature tannins. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

VINIFICATION

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 savoury aspects of the variety. The wines were matured in barrel, partly in new fine grain French oak hogsheads and the remainder in older seasoned hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES

This Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre blend has lifted vibrant black fruits on the nose with underlying notes of cinnamon, vanilla, and smoke. Generous, velvety layers of red and black fruits abound on the palate, with abundant savoury spice, fine, soft tannins, and bright acidity ensuring a long and pure finish.