JOHN DUVAL WINES

2023 PLEXUS SGM

BACKGROUND

Our affinity for working with old vine Barossa Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvédre began with John's time at Penfolds, and continues with this wine - the first to be released by John Duval Wines' from our inaugural vintage in 2003. The aim of Plexus is to express a wide spectrum of fruit flavours, whilst ensuring seamless integration of the contrasting characters of the three varietals. Shiraz provides rich dark fruits and mid palate weight, whilst Grenache delivers a bright flavour spectrum of red fruits and spiced notes. Old vine Mourvèdre is integral to the blend, ensuring a good firm backbone of savoury tannin and a long finish.



VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was the third vintage in a row influenced by La Nina weather patterns. Vineyards had excellent soil moisture and produced healthy crops, which combined with the cooler conditions to produce a late start to harvest.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz component was sourced from old vineyards at Krondorf, Marananga and Ebenezer. Grenache was sourced from vineyards at Marananga, Tanunda and Ebenezer, and Mourvèdre from Light Pass and Ebenezer.

WINEMAKING

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 barrel maturated for 15 months, with 10% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads and the balance in older seasoned hogsheads. The final blend assemblage comprised. Shiraz (46%), Grenache (34%) and Mourvèdre (20%).

WINEMAKERS NOTES

NOSE: Black cherry and plum with a lick of boysenberry, subtle florals with an undertone of savoury spice and bush garrigue.
PALATE: Juicy black cherry and plum, pure fruited and balanced with fine tannins and savoury spice.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.5% • pH: 3.45 • TA: 6.4 g/L

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