

## John Duval, `Plexus` Barossa Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvèdre 2017

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 and Ebenezer sub-regions of the Barossa Valley and the Eden Valley; the Grenache from the Tanunda and Ebenezer sub-regions and Mourvèdre from Light Pass.

### VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season was characterised by plentiful winter and spring rains which led to a healthy canopy coverage and fruit set. The summer was mild and with the larger yields, resulted in vintage starting four weeks later than the previous year.

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation was carried out with the cap submerged and in small, open, stainless steel fermenters. A portion of the Grenache was left as whole bunches. Post-fermentation, the wine was 100% barrel matured for 15 months, with just 10% in new, fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 litre barrels). The remaining barrels were older seasoned hogsheads.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is vibrant purple-red in colour with intense aromas of red berries, rose petals and dried herbs which are complemented by cinnamon and earthy notes. It is medium-bodied with concentrated flavours of raspberry, redcurrant and black plum. Soft texture comes from the supple tannins and a bright acidity.

Grape Varieties **51% Syrah/Shiraz**  
**32% Grenache/Garnacha**  
**17% Mourvèdre**

Winemaker **John Duval**

Closure **Screwcap**

ABV **14%**

Acidity **6.2g/L**

Wine pH **3.58**

Bottle Sizes **75cl, 1.5lt**

Notes **Vegetarian, Vegan**