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2004 Plexus

Region

Barossa Valley

Varieties

Shiraz (49%)
Grenache (27%)
Mourvedre (24%)

Maturation

15 months in French oak

Technical Analysis

14.5% alc/vol

Background



John Duval, after 28 years with Penfolds, has released his second vintage of "Plexus", under his proprietary label, John Duval Wines. Inspired by Barossa Valley's best old vine, low yielding vineyards, the 2004 Plexus is a blend of Shiraz (49%), Grenache (27%) and Mourvedre (24%). Intense and elegant, Plexus expresses rich, red fruit aromas with savory spice and subtle oak sweetness.

Duval is one of Australia's most highly regarded winemakers, overseeing the entire Penfolds range as Chief Winemaker for the period 1986-2002. During this time he was responsible for the making of Grange, taking the marquee to new heights including being awarded Wine Spectator's *Wine of the Year* in 1995.

Duval has received many personal accolades including *International Winemaker of the Year* (International Wine and Spirit Competition, UK, 1989) and twice recipient of *Red Winemaker of the Year* (International Wine Challenge, UK, 1991 & 2000). He is a frequent judge at Australian and international wine competitions and is a sought after consultant to many leading wineries around the world. Four generations of the Duval clan have been vigneron in South Australia.

Winemaking



Plexus is an intricately structured blend comprised of rich and vibrant fruit from Barossa Valley's old, low yielding vines. A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, the 2004 Plexus expresses a supple and silky mouth feel and a ripe red fruit finish. Intense and elegant, Plexus exhibits impressive concentration and structure with a seamless balance.

Traditional winemaking practices and fifteen months in French oak barriques will ensure the age worthiness of this second release. Enjoy the 2004 vintage now or cellar it for 8-10 years to garner additional complexity.

Additional Notes:

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