



2006 JOHN DUVAL PLEXUS

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (52%), Grenache (30%), Mourvedre (18%)
MATURATION: 15 months in French oak
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

PLEXUS: An interwoven combination of parts or elements in a structure or system

VINTAGE NOTES:

Late season opening rains were experienced in October/November with cool, mild conditions extending until January. A series of heat waves were experienced in late January which meant slow ripening and vegetative growth. Mild conditions continued over the months and the fruit ripened slowly and evenly. The conditions during the season resulted in good flavor development, producing wines with impressive fruit intensity and fine tannin structure.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2006 vintage of 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, Plexus expresses a fragrant, aromatic nose of red fruits and subtle oak. On the palate, red and dark, black fruit combine with layers of spice. Intense and elegant, Plexus demonstrates ripe, fine tannins, an impressive concentration, and a seamless balance. Traditional winemaking practices and fifteen months in French oak barriques will ensure the age worthiness of this fourth release. Enjoy the 2006 vintage now or cellar it for 8-10 years to garner additional complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 pts James Halliday's Wine Companion, **95 pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **92 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **89 pts** Wine Spectator, **89 pts** Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES:

John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers. As Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange, he was instrumental in establishing Penfolds as one of the world's great wineries. Inspired by the Barossa Valley's old vine vineyards, John established his own label in 2002 and now crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.



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