



JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS ROUSSANNE MARSANNE VIOGNIER 2021

An intricate or interwoven combination of elements into a coherent structure

BACKGROUND

The objective of our Plexus white is to create a textured wine with vibrant expression of fruit aroma on the nose, and a palate of great flavour and structure enhanced by crisp acidity. Partial oak fermentation and maturation along with lees ageing promotes a seamless integration of the varietal components and enhances the textural elements of the blend.

2021 VINTAGE:

With better winter rains, and a perfectly timed 30mm event at the start of February, we were rewarded with better crops and berry size after a few drought-affected lean years. Conditions through late February, March and April could only be described as perfect with mild to warm days with no heat spikes, combined with cool nights. This meant for a long even ripening period and a lovely pace to the vintage. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

VINEYARDS

Roussanne 49%, Marsanne 43% Viognier 8%

Marsanne was sourced from Marananga, Roussanne from Kalimna and Viognier from Eden Valley (the first time Roussanne has been the dominant variety).

WINEMAKING:

Gentle pressings were combined with free run juice and cold settled. Fermentation commenced in stainless steel but some of the Marsanne finished fermentation in and was aged in puncheon. The remaining Marsanne and the Roussanne was aged on lees in tank until bottling. 40% of the total blend was aged in fine-grain French oak (20% new puncheons) for a total of 6 months

WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

Nose: Vibrant and lifted aromas of apricots and peaches, citrus and ginger flower.

Palate: Elegant palate showing excellent fruit purity and drive. Flavours of white peach, nectarine, mandarin fill the palate. Will build texture and reward cellaring over the next 7+ years.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.5% pH: 3.22 TA: 6.1 g/l

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