



2010 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS MRV

Review Summary



92 pts “Pale gold. Heady, expressive scents of dried citrus fruits, mango, poached pear and honey, along with a smoky quality and a hint of tarragon. Bright and lively but also dense, offering pungent lemon and orange rind, pear and honey flavors. Finishes smooth, broad and long, with very good clarity and spicy persistence. This has the heft to handle richer foods but it's not carrying any excess weight.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011

91 pts “A vibrant wine with honeysuckle, white flower and pear skin aromas. Stays light in the mouth with good chewy length and moderate complexity. A versatile food wine with class, suggesting a bright future for Rhone white varieties in the region. Made from Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier.”

James Suckling, jamesuckling.com
June 20, 2012

91 pts

Nick Stock, Good Wine Guide
2012

91 pts “This very first vintage of 2010 Plexus Blanc is a blend of 62% Marsanne, 26% Roussanne and 13% Viognier. It has a pretty honeysuckle and orange blossom scented nose with peaches, poached pears and a suggestion of white pepper. The medium to full-bodied palate has wonderfully pure stone fruit and fennel seed flavors with medium-high acid and a nice silky texture going long into the finish. It's drinking beautifully now and should have some capacity to develop a honeyed / toasty character over the next 4-6 years.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
December 2010

90 pts “This light yellow colored white blend opens with a Anjou pear and pilsner beer bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced, and slightly crispy. The flavor profile is a mineral infused Anjou pear with hints of green apple and a touch of honey. The finish is dry and its mineral notes linger nicely.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
November 13, 2011



90 pts “Light yellow. Aromatic. Apricots, cream and almond on the nose. Lovely balance in the palate with restraint and well judged concentration. Almost bready, faint yeast notes. Moderately oily in texture. Nice closer to room temperature. Allows the aromatics to bloom.”

Huon Hooke, HuonHooke.com.au
October 15, 2011

90 pts “The first vintage for this cuvee, the 2010 John Duval Wines Plexus MRV is a blend of 61% Marsanne, 26% Roussanne, and 13% Viognier that s aged for 7 months in French oak. The wine sports a slightly serious profile with beautifully fresh, pure aromas of white peaches, pear, and citrus rind to go with solid background minerality and crushed stone like nuances. Outstanding on the palate as well, and its medium bodied, textured mid-palate gives way to a juicy, fresh, and surprisingly long finish that keeps you coming back for another sip. This should continue to improve for 1-3 years and have a solid drink window.”

Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
June 2011

89 pts “Restrained bouquet, with blanched almonds and peach on the bouquet; texture is the key, with richness and depth providing interest; simple, but may evolve into something more with time, as is the nature of these white Rhone varieties.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012

“Out of the Barossa Valley, John Duval’s Marsanne-Rousanne-Viognier Plexus is another Australian white with tremendous personality, featuring sour cherry and watermelon up-front. This buoyant, juicy fruitiness is followed by apricot and lemon zest on a restrained, harmonious palate.”

Ben Weinberg - Unfined, Unfiltered Blog
Wine Notes #144: Kiwi and Aussie Wine Madness

“JD breaks into the 100 with a white wine – shock horror. I love his polished, muscular reds, but when I spotted the glamorous trim and marvellously lush cut of this beauty’s jib I was transfixed and his reds seemed to evaporate before my eyes. It’s lovely to see Viognier and her girlfriends at play and the balance is just this side of vulgar, so it makes it all the more enticing. I can’t wait to pour this wine on the Roadshow. It will pick up where 2009 Mitchelton Airstrip left off last year – which was with masses of new fans, all panting for more.”

Matthew Jukes, Top Wines of Australia
May 24, 2011