



## 2012 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “Armed with flavor and dangerously drinkable. Red and black berries, ground Asian spice, earth, aniseed and a quick kiss of cedary French oak. Puts on an impeccable performance.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion  
2015**

**94 pts** “Duval’s regional red, which melds Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre together seamlessly, is a stunning rendition in the 2012 vintage. The Barossan origin is strong in all aspects of the wine, which shows deep blackberries and other red fruits on the nose in addition to some gently earthy and tarry meat accents, hints of nutty oak and a sense of vibrant ripeness. The palate delivers redder than expected fruit flavors. Grenache speaks strong here. Tannins are soft, supple and layered, and the wine occupies every corner of the mouth. Starts bright, builds full, finishes long, fades slow.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com  
January 28, 2015**

**92 pts** “A Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre blend, the 2012 Plexus has a medium-dense garnet color and offers kirsch, preserved plums, blueberry pie and dried mulberry notes with a Christmas fruit cake undercurrent. Full-bodied and packed with spicy, blackberry preserves flavors, it has velvety tannins and a refreshing lift in the long finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate  
June 2015**

**92 pts – Very Good+** “This opaque and dark ruby colored red blend from Australia opens from with fragrant and attractive boysenberry bouquet with hints of Dr. Pepper. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and silky smooth. The flavor profile is a tasty mild black raspberry and red plum blend with notes of faint oak and red licorice. The finish is dry and its well managed moderate tannins and flavors linger nicely. This wine would pair well with a filet mignon.”

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com  
October 20, 2014**



**92 pts** “Deep ruby. Complex aromas of red and dark berries, pipe tobacco, peppery spices and fresh flowers. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering sweet black raspberry and cherry compote flavors that flesh out and become spicier with air. Tightens back up on the long, incisive finish, which is firmed by dusty, fine-grained tannins.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
**July/August 2014**

**91 pts** “Dark and spicy, with an earthy, meaty cast to the plum and black currant fruit. Fine tannins maintain a mild grip as the finish lingers with unexpected but welcome transparency.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider**  
**October 1, 2014**

**90 pts** “Like all the Duval wines, this is amply structured. Cedar and vanilla notes frame dark fruit flavors in this blend of 51% Shiraz, 30% Grenache and 19% Mourvèdre. It’s full bodied, with a long, dusty finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**October 2015**

**Exceptional** “Dramatic aroma of blackberry, pomegranate jam, and a sandalwood note. Perfect pitch—a wine that makes a strong case for the best Shiraz-Grenache-Mourvedre blend you’ll ever taste.”

**Dan Berger, Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences**  
**October 10, 2013**

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**Decanter World Wine Awards 2014**