



2010 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

Review Summary



95 pts “Medium to deep garnet in color, the 2010 Plexus is starting to morph into a meaty, savory nose with core of kirsch and blueberry preserves, plus potpourri and a touch of cranberry sauce. The palate has great structure, still—all rounded and plush—with maturing, savory fruit leading to a very long finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker Wine Advocate
October 2016

94 pts “Bright color; a beautifully generous, plump and fleshy blend, with a backbone of Provençal garrigue providing light to the masses of sweet red and black fruits shade; the trailing spice and purity of fruit is seamless and very long.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2013

94 pts “The 2010 Plexus is crafted by Australia’s illustrious veteran winemaker, John Duval, who served as Chief Winemaker at Penfolds for more than two decades. This wine, from his own eponymous winery, is a first-rate Rhone-style blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre. It offers spicy pure blackberry and black raspberry fruit aromas. It is soft and pure on the attack with a velvet smooth palate, and gentle tannins. It also has lovely integrated flavors and purity on the finish. Superb.”

Mike Potashnik & Don Winkler, i-winereview.com
November/December 2013

92+ pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2010 Plexus Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvedre is a blend of Shiraz 52%, Grenache 29% and Mourvedre 19%. This wine opens with notes of blackberry preserves, blueberry compote and warm black plums over suggestions of vanilla, cinnamon toast, anise, espresso and mandarin peel. Full-bodied and generously fruited with warm black berry and spice flavors plus a touch of oak, it has a good backbone of medium to firm finely-grained tannins and just enough acid to balance through the long finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
February 2013



92 pts “Bright violet color. Dark berries, licorice, mocha, lavender and black pepper on the nose. Supple and smooth in texture, with fresh blueberry and blackberry fruit complicated by touches of mocha and vanilla. Offers a suave combination of depth and vivacity, finishing with clinging sweetness and subtle floral notes.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

91 pts “John Duval is no stranger to wine in general and the Barossa Valley in particular. As chief winemaker for Penfolds, he oversaw their entire portfolio of wine, much of which is made from Barossa grapes, and was responsible for Grange, Australia’s icon wine. After three decades with Penfolds, he started his own label in 2003. Plexus, a seamless blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, delivers a fruity combination of ripe berries and spice. It grows in the glass. Polished tannins mean it’s perfect for barbequed or grilled meats this summer.”

Michael Apstein, WineReviewOnline.com
May 28, 2013

91 pts “This supple, generous red offers juicy cherry, tobacco and cream flavors, finishing with crisp tannins as the flavors linger effortlessly. Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre. Drink now through 2015.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
May 31, 2012

90 pts/Very Good+ “This dark ruby red blend opens with a very fragrant red and black currant bouquet with a hint of red raspberry. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, very juicy and succulent. The flavor profile is an extracted blackberry with notes of oak, dark chocolate and black cherry liquor. The finish is dry and its bold fruit flavors linger for a while after the wine is gone. This fruit bomb would be perfect on the lake at night by the campfire. Enjoy with barbecue ribs or S'mores.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
April 23, 2013

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