

2017 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM



Review Summary

94 pts "A 51/32/17% blend, the components sourced from various districts that produce high quality fruit. Standard vinification, then matured for 15 months with 10% new French hogsheads, the remainder 3-6yo barrels. It's a powerful wine in the context of '17, old vines doing what they have done for the last 50+ years."

James Halliday Halliday Wine Companion 2020

94 pts/Highly Recommended/TOP 100 WINES OF 2019 – #25 "Vibrant, with blackberry, blueberry and spiced plum flavors that are fresh, plump and generous at the core. Impressively elegant and seamless, featuring notes of fresh earth, spice and floral that linger effortlessly alongside fine-grained tannins."

MaryAnn Worobiec Wine Spectator November 15, 2019

93 pts – Very Good+ "This slightly cloudy and dark ruby colored SGM opens with an acai berry and boysenberry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and smooth. The flavor profile is a very tasty blueberry and ripe blackberry blend with notes of refined minerality. I also detected a touch of plum and hint of vanilla. The finish is dry and its well-managed mild tannins are subtle. This yummy wine from John Duval would pair well with a filet mignon."

Ken Hoggins KensWineGuide.com December 9, 2019

93 pts "Alluring nose of stewed rhubarb, ripe plums, and licorice. Toasty oak. Bright and balanced palate – lovely width, with red and purple plums, cinnamon and white pepper. Silken and lovely."

Nick Butler TheRealReview.com May 2019



92 pts "This has richness that drives from the shiraz corner with fragrant, grenache red fruit and a deep tone at the finish, thanks to mourvedre's blue fruit. A well crafted blend of shiraz, grenache and mourvedre."

Nick Stock JamesSuckling.com June 26, 2019

92 pts "The wine's beautiful fragrance lures you in. Medium-bodied with excellent fruit concentration plus accents of pepper and spice. Its hallmark is its composure; it's a wine to sip effortlessly. Delightful and delicious."

Toni Patterson MW TheRealReview.com May 2019

90 pts "A blend of 51% Shiraz, 32% Grenache and 17% Mourvèdre, Duval's 2017 Plexus is marked by 15 months in French oak. Scents of mocha, cedar and caramel join hints of cherries and spice on the nose, while the medium to full-bodied palate is smooth and supple, finishing harmonious and long."

Joe Czerwinski Robert Parker Wine Advocate July 31, 2020