



2020 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

Review Summary



94 pts “Complex, rich and elegant, with notes of espresso, Kalamata olive, salted black licorice and spiced plum, plus hints of dark chocolate on a plush frame. Reveals black walnut liqueur, wild blackberry and huckleberry flavors that linger on the long, peppery finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
August 2023

94 pts “An impressive 49/35/16% shiraz/grenache/mourvèdre (from a ‘who’s who’ of the best subregions in the Barossa Valley) made by ex-Grange winemaker, John Duval. Gorgeously perfumed with red cherry, raspberry and mulberry fruits flecked with floral notes of violets and jasmine with hints of ginger cake, red licorice, earth, cola and crushed stone. There is a lively acid cadence, superfine powdery tannins and an array of gingery spice and red fruit that fans out nicely on the finish. A bargain.”

Dave Brookes
Halliday Wine Companion
July 2023

93 pts “In Duval’s distinctive style, this is a rich, polished and highly spicy wine, with tart red plums, cherry, a sumac-spiced tang, white pepper, mocha and olive brine. The satiny mouthfeel is full but not overtly rich. Tannins take a firm supporting role, letting the plump fruit and spice take center stage. There’s a touch of alcohol heat.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 2023

92 pts “Delicious. The 2020 Plexus is resinous and charr-y on opening—the succulent fruit starts to flower with some additional time in the glass. The 2020 season was the second of drought conditions in the Barossa and was shaped by incredibly low yields. As it happens, many of the 2020s I have tasted have been excellent quality, as this is. Concentration 101.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 2022



89 pts “Rich and tarry, this wine’s red cherry fruit and black, fruit-skin tannins lend it viscous weight. There’s some orange-zest volatility to lift some of that mass, and plenty of flavor to match roast meats.”

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