

2020 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS MRV

Review Summary



93 pts “A bit of a different take on the White Plexus Blend in 2020 with Marsanne dialed up at the expense of Roussanne. I reckon it is a brilliant move and gives this wine delicious fruit impact and acid line. Wine judges around the country will appreciate its classic mix of line and length.

Pale in color, there is a delicious array of bright, primary fruits; lemon pith, hay, nut kernel and just a touch of apricot announcing viognier’s small part to play. If you are not a Viognier fan there is nothing to fear here with the impact more textural than what can be a pungent aromatic kick. Tangy acidity is the key element on the palate which sits below concentrated citrus and acacia flavors before a lingering, silky finish. A pithy texture and dusting of Middle Eastern spices top off what is a delicious Australian example of the classic Rhone blend.”

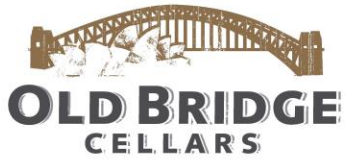
Angus Hughson
The Wine Pilot
July 2021

92 pts “From a super low-yielding vintage, this has a wealth of ripe peach and lemon, as well as peach custard and lemon peel. The palate has a smooth phenolic texture with lemons driving the fleshier, orchard stone fruit. A blend of 69% marsanne, 16% roussanne and 15% viognier.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
October 2021

92 pts “Pronounced characters of gun smoke and struck match sulfides dominate this pale gold white Rhône blend. There’s a lemon oil and Amaretto note, too. The palate is round, rich and gingery with citrus acidity and stone fruit pit to the long finish. This full-throttle white could be a fun Chardonnay alternative.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
February 2024



90 pts “Pale straw-yellow core, lemony in the rim. Honey, brioche and yellow nectarine on the nose. A bright and fruit-driven palate flows with light to medium intensity into a somewhat savoury pastry note in the finish. Acidity and phenolics work in harmony to keep it refreshing and in time you may see it build more weight and richness.”

Stuart Knox
The Real Review
March 2021

89 pts “69% Marananga marsanne, 16% Kalimna roussanne, 15% Eden Valley viognier (less roussanne than usual due to 2 years of drought). 50% aged in French oak for 6 months. Built on the tension of phenolic structure more than grapefruit acid verve, this warm, low-yielding vintage delivers a style of bite and grip, yet a well-managed texture that never deviates into graininess or hardness. Beurre Bosc pear, custard apple and almost-ripe pawpaw denote a spicy and persistent finish.”

Tyson Stelzer
Halliday Wine Companion
August 2021