

2021 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

Review Summary



96 pts "Deep crimson. Lovely dark plum. Blackberry, mocha aromas with lifted licorice notes. A well balanced wine with deep set blackberry, dark plum, dark chocolate fruits, fine cedary, gravelly tannins and integrated walnutty, sandalwood notes. Chocolaty finish. Now-2032"

Andrew Caillard MW
The Vintage Journal Barossa Guide 2023
May 2023

94 pts "A juicy and fruity red with blackberry and some dark chocolate and graphite character. Lead pencil, too. Medium-bodied with creamy and integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Savory and delicious. Some iodine. A blend of grenache, shiraz and mourvèdre."

JamesSuckling.com November 2022

94 pts "A blend of 48/28/24% shiraz/grenache/mataro aged for 15 months in French oak. Bright aromas of red and dark plum, mulberry and boysenberry mesh with hints of earth, licorice, spice, roasting meats and violets. Lovely fruit purity with tight-grained tannin providing the framework and bright acidity the pulse, finishing plush and pure. A wonderful red."

Dave Brookes Halliday Wine Companion July 2023

93 pts "The 2021 Plexus comprises 48% Shiraz, 28% Grenache and 24% Mourvèdre. This is the first wine that John Duval made when he left Penfolds; the first vintage was 2003. This is polished and juicy, the long and mild 2021 season on show here. There are notes of raspberry pip and cocoa, a hint of chocolate-covered licorice and tobacco, brine and star anise. It's a lovely wine, as ever. And it's potentially a superstar release, given the inherent balance and length of the season and, therefore, the wine too. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap."

Erin Larkin Robert Parker Wine Advocate June 20, 2024

