



## 2007 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

### Review Summary



**93 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “Bright, but light, color; a fragrant bouquet of red fruits is replicated on the light- to medium-bodied palate, backed by gossamer fine, savory tannins.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion  
2010**

**93 pts** “The stunning 2007 John Duval Wines Plexus is a blend of 51% shiraz, 28% grenache and 21% mourvedre that’s aged mostly in older French oak. It offers knockout aromatics of ripe cassis, toasted spice, game and solid underlying minerals and earth. In the mouth, it’s medium to full bodied with an elegant, balanced profile, a fresh, lively texture and a long finish. The balance and depth are exceptional. This held up beautifully over the three days the bottle was open.”

**Jebb Dunnuck, Jebb Dunnuck’s The Rhone Report  
June 2010**

**92 pts** “Deep ruby-red. Fresh raspberry and cherry aromas display a striking southern Rhone-like character, with complicating notes of dried flowers, spicecake and minerals. Juicy and smooth, with sweet red berry flavors and gentle tannins. The finish is brisk, gently sweet and long. No way I’d have guessed that this came from a drought year. Ninety percent of this wine was raised in five- or six-year-old French hogsheads, the rest in new casks.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2009**

**92 pts** “The 2007 Plexus Grenache (28%)-Shiraz (51%)-Mourvedre (21%) was aged for 16 months in predominantly seasoned French oak. It is dark ruby-colored with a perfumed nose of cedar, tobacco, lavender, kirsch, and black cherry. Velvety-textured, rich, and concentrated, it is packed with flavor, is impeccably balanced, and will drink well for a decade.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate  
December 2009, Issue #186**

**91+ pts** “John Duval Wines don’t take many steps wrong. This is a clean, pure, fruit-packed wine that still manages some kind of elegance. It’s the polish, the lack of any overt alcohol heat, the undercurrent of earthy, loamy complexity. Really enjoy the juiciness here...the quality and enjoyment is clear. “

**Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front  
October 5, 2009**



**91 pts** “Smooth and creamy in texture, this is ripe with cherry, pomegranate, ash and black pepper flavors, persisting nicely on the long, expressive finish. Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2014.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
**September 30, 2009**

**91 pts** “Starts off with mulberry, cola, vanilla and clove, and persists that way across the creamy-textured palate. A textbook Aussie blend, marrying immediate approachability with 5–8 years of ageability. Another fine effort from former Penfolds winemaker John Duval.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**June 26, 2010**

## **SILVER MEDAL**

**2009 Sommelier Challenge**

★★ “John Duval spent 29 years as a winemaker at Penfolds before striking out on his own. This is Plexus’s fifth vintage, and it shows beautiful cherry, cranberry, and pepper flavors.”

**Anthony Giglio**  
**Food & Wine Wine Guide 2011**

“Lots of white pepper on the nose and smoke with a huge follow-through of candied violets and musky red fruit wrapped in a little candied tones. There’s a nice seared beef element here as well with more of a green peppercorn note. Big and broad on entry with big fruit supported by soft tannins and rather cutting acids. This is rich and almost velvety, offering up lots of lightly jammy black fruit, black raspberry. Easy drinking with a hint of licorice spice on the back end, which leads to a slightly modest finish. Lots of richness here with a late onset of oaky character but it is true to type with peppery qualities and ample, lightly pruny fruit.”

**Gregory Dal Piaz**  
**Snooth**  
**August 2011**