



2008 JOHN DUVAL WINES PLEXUS SGM

Review Summary



95 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Purple-red; Barossa Valley blends of shiraz/grenache/mourvedre seldom have the poise, conviction or richness of this wine; the flavors are multi-layered yet not the least jammy, the tannins particularly good, the length all one can ask for.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2011

93+ pts “The 2008 Plexus Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre is a decidedly Shiraz dominant version of this classic blend. Deep garnet-purple colored, it gives an abundance of Indian spice aromas – cumin seed, fenugreek and cloves - over raspberry cordial, preserved blackberry, dusty earth, powdered cinnamon and moss covered tree bark. The full-bodied palate displays the elegance of this blend in its effortless harmony, offering a medium-high level of very fine tannins, crisp acid and ample opulent flesh with a long finish. Drink it now to 2018+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2010

93 pts “Inky ruby. Expressive black raspberry and cherry aromas are complicated by black and white pepper and incense. A floral note comes up air and carries onto the palate, joining sweet red and dark berry preserve flavors and undertones of anise and candied rose. A hint of candied flowers lingers on a very long, sappy finish. I’d have no problem drinking this now. For a wine from a ripe vintage this is quite elegant.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010

91 pts

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

90 pts “Bright and jazzy, with a smoky edge to the tart blackberry and cherry flavors, picking up a licorice note on the finish. Has complexity and balance, and cellaring should bring it all together. Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
May 12, 2010



90 pts “For the past several years, Duval’s Plexus has been remarkably consistent in quality. The only indication here that 2008 was a difficult vintage (because of the heat) is this wine’s creamy immediacy, which suggests early consumption (now–2015). The blackberry fruit is fresh and briary, spiced with hints of cedar and vanilla; lush and long on the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
October 1, 2010

“This beautifully balanced red blend highlights dark fruit and expertly integrated oak.”

Food & Wine
Wine Guide 2012

“Another red blend I discovered and am very fond of is the “Plexus” from John Duval. This blend consists of 53% Shiraz, 26% Grenache, and 21% Mourvedre. It opens with an attractive black-raspberry bouquet with a hint of boysenberry and pomegranate. It is very smooth and shows off tasty blackberry flavors with some gentle oak and black-raspberry blended in. You will find it to be an ideal match for barbecued steak tips.”

Ken Hoggins, www.kenswineguide.com
February 2011