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2016 PLEXUS SGM

REVIEWS

95 points, James Halliday, 2018 Halliday Wine Companion

A 52/30/18% blend open-fermented separately, the grenache with up to 20% whole bunches, matured for 15 months in French hogsheads (13% new). This is a very good Barossa Valley SGM, looking to the future rather than the past. While the flavours are complex, there is a lightness of touch ex the winery after careful monitoring of ripeness in the vineyards. Thus it has the best of both worlds, and by rights should please everyone with its mix of cherry, plum and blackberry couched in savoury tannins on the finish.

94 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, July 2018

If you wanted to show someone the beauty of the GSM blend, you'd do well to show them this. It's spot on. The spice, the florals, the rakes of dry tannin, the curls of anise, black cherry and woodsmoke. It's not a big wine but it has a seriousness, a presence. The tannin in this wine; it sparks its way through from the mid palate on. Can't fault this. It's beautifully put together.

4.5 stars, Lester Jesberg, Wine Wise, June 2018

The subtle undergrowth complexity together with low-key oak and a whiff of grenache perfume work beautifully with the dark berry fruit. This isn't a big, alcoholic red, but the flavour length and fine tannins are very satisfying indeed.



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