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2021 PLEXUS SGM

REVIEWS

96 points, Andrew Caillard MW, The Vintage Journal May 2023

Deep crimson. Lovely dark plum. Blackberry, mocha aromas with lifted liquorice 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.

94 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion, 6th July 2023

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.

94 points, MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator Insider September 2023

Complex, rich and elegant, showing notes of espresso, Kalamata olive, salted black licorice and spiced plum on a plush frame, with hints of dark chocolate. Reveals black walnut liqueur, wild blackberry and huckleberry flavors that linger on the long, peppery finish. Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2035.

93 points, Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 21 June 2024

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.



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