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## 2008 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** John Duval  
**REGION:** Barossa Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 17 months in French (35% new) and older American oak  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% alc/vol

**ENTITY:** An independent, separate, or self-contained existence

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2008 vintage started with favourable flowering conditions, a nice surprise after the 2007 drought year. After a few hot days in December, January and February were relatively mild with excellent conditions for ripening. The vintage started with Shiraz from the Krondorf region on the 5th of February, four days earlier than 2007. By the end of February all of the best Shiraz blocks were harvested, which proved to be good timing avoiding the heat wave experienced in Southern Australia in early March.

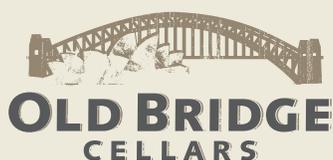
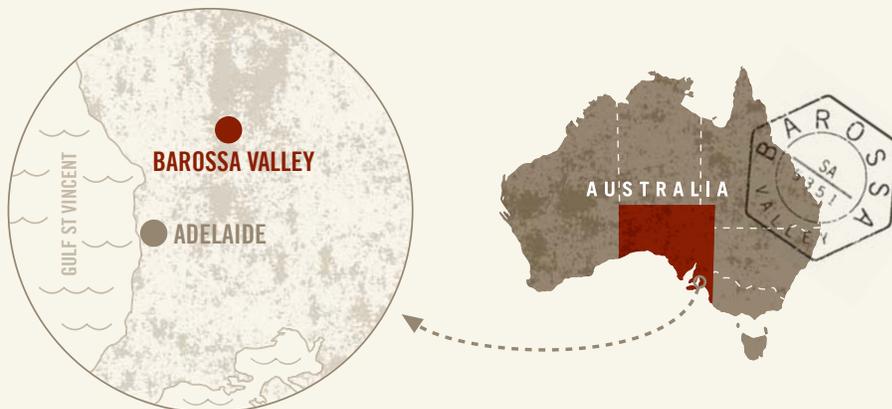
### TASTING NOTES:

A true reflection of Barossa's soil and climate, Entity displays youthful dark fruits of blackberry and plum that combine with a hint of mocha and savory French oak. The long, rich palate is driven by concentrated dark fruit characters that are balanced by firm tannins, bright acidity and well integrated French oak that adds structure and polish to the wine.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 94 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Wine & Spirits

### ABOUT JOHN DUVAL WINES:

John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers. As Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange, he was instrumental in establishing Penfolds as one of the world's great wineries. Inspired by the Barossa Valley's old vine vineyards, John established his own label in 2002 and now crafts intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.



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