



2009 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in 40% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.4 g/L TA | 3.47 pH

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

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2009 vintage was very successful with some excellent wines made. Shiraz was strong and after the extreme temperature of the second half of the 2008 vintage, it was a relief to receive average rainfall over winter and follow up rains of 100mm in November and December. A period of hot weather followed in late January, lasting through to early February. Conditions from then on were favourable with no extreme heat and little rain until late April. Vintage started 2 weeks later than 2007 & 2008 with yields generally down.

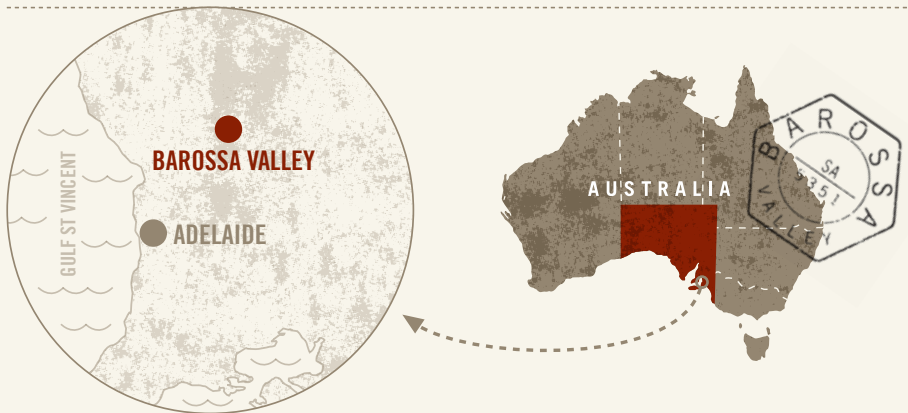
TASTING NOTES:

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: 96 pts Australian Wine Companion, 95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 94 pts eRobertparker.com, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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