



## 2008 JOHN DUVAL WINES ELIGO

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “The 2008 Eligo Shiraz reveals a very deep purple-black color and pronounced creme de cassis, licorice, dark chocolate and nut aromas with underlying loam, cedar, dried plum and espresso notes. Full bodied and yet remarkably elegant in the mouth, it has complex layers of savory and warm black fruit flavors balanced by refreshing acid and a medium to firm level of very fine tannins, finishing with great persistence. Still tight-knit and primary, it should drink best 2014 to 2024+.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com, Issue #199  
February 2012**

**95 pts** “Vivid purple hue; deep, dark and concentrated black fruit, tar, toasty oak and roasted meat all combine on the bouquet; the palate is dark and dense, with the powerful swathe of black fruit combining seamlessly with abundant new oak; chewy and fresh on the finish, the wine is still unevolved but balanced.”

**James Halliday  
Australian Wine Companion 2012**

**95 pts**

**Nick Stock  
2012 Good Wine Guide**

**94 pts** “Duval used to make Grange, so it is no surprise that his current luxury Shiraz is so successful. The 2008 Eligo oozes with oaky sweetness – vanilla, maple syrup and brown sugar notes – but balances that with potent cassis fruit and somehow ends on dry savory notes of tobacco and spice. Drink now – 2018, although it could surprise and go longer.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast  
May 2012**

**93 pts** “Glass-staining ruby. Intensely floral aromas of fresh red and dark berries, candied cherry and cracked pepper. Silky in texture, with midweight black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors, nervy mineral cut and slow-building tannins. This balanced, elegant wine has the energy to reward.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2011**



**93 pts** “Bright and lively, with lots of raspberry and cherry fruit on a medium-weight frame. A hint of mocha adds interest, remaining open and expressive through the gentle, focused finish. An elegant package. Shiraz. Drink now through 2016.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
April 27, 2011

**92 pts** “Lots of lovely strawberry fruit, with hints of dried raspberries. Full and round, with velvety tannins that turn firm and corseted. Pretty finish. Fruit forward but held back leaving something to your imagination. Better in 2013.”

**James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com**  
November 2011

**GOLD MEDAL** “Black fruit and raisined aromas. Big ripe Barossa Shiraz with plummy fruit, good oak balance and firm tannins. Rich with lots of extraction and elegance.”

**Decanter World Wine Awards 2011**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**2011 Sommelier Challenge**

“Duval selects the best barrels of the vintage to create this rare masterfully balanced Shiraz, one of the Barossa’s best reds.”

**Food & Wine**  
**Wine Guide**  
2013