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2009 JOHN DUVAL ELIGO SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa and Eden Valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 20 months in 100% French oak (75% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.1 g/L | pH: 3.50

ELIGO: To choose or select, a selection of the very best; “best of vintage”

VINTAGE:

The 2009 vintage was very successful with some excellent Shiraz produced. After the extreme temperature of the second half of the 2008 vintage, it was good to receive average rainfall over winter and follow up rains in November and December. This however was followed by a period of hot weather in January, lasting through early February. Conditions from then on were favorable with no extreme heat and little rain until late April. Vintage began two weeks later than 2008 with Shiraz yields being the lowest since 2003.

WINEMAKING:

Eligo epitomizes John’s unparalleled knowledge of Barossa’s terroir and fruit. Traditional, low-intervention winemaking techniques ensure that this flagship wine is full of finesse and character. Submerged-cap fermentation takes place in small, stainless steel fermenters with a small portion undergoing extended maceration for up to two weeks to maximize color and flavor extraction.

TASTING NOTES:

The nose is youthful and expressive with notes of blackberry, blueberry and dark chocolate. The palate is intense but still restrained, with impressive structure and vibrant dark fruit intensity. Eligo will age well for at least fifteen years under proper cellaring conditions.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate, 94 pts Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, 94 pts Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts Wine Spectator

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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