



## 2010 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2010 Entity Shiraz is scented of ripe blueberries, mulberries and Chinese dried plum with vanilla pod, dark chocolate, cedar, violet and fruit cake nuances. This full-bodied wine is densely packed with black berry preserve and baking spice flavors, has a refreshing acid line to add lift and medium to firm levels of rounded tannins. It has a long length with some oak poking through on the finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate**  
February 2013

**94 pts** “Deceptively explosive and expressive, this is a true gem. Blueberry and elderberry on the nose barely hint at the explosive palate to follow. It opens with blue and black fruits and asian spices, fruits that seem to increase in concentration toward the mid-palate, like they were being turned from fruit into jam in the mouth. Black licorice, coffee, unsweetened chocolate, and hints of vanilla Riverdance raucously around the mouth for a while before exiting, slowly, on an extended finish of elderberry jam, spices, and dark chocolate. Grippy tannins and bright acids are both big but balanced, promising quality years in the cellar. Drink with pan roasted lamb chops over a red wine reduction and a bed of white cauliflower. Highly Recommended.”

**David Honig, PalatePress.com**  
December 20, 2013

**93 pts** “Impenetrable color; there is a lush and voluptuous nature to the wines of John Duval, with sweetness of fruit, exotic spices and warmth enveloping this particular example; lavish levels of oak accompany masses of fruit, tannin and licorice; long and toasty, this is big and slippery at the same time.”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion 2013

**93 pts** “Glass-staining purple. Black raspberry, cassis, mocha and Indian spices. Concentrated and expansive, offering intense dark fruit flavors and a hint of candied violet. Shows an impressive marriage of power and finesse, with no rough edges. Lively, fresh and very persistent on the finish, with silky tannins providing shape and grip.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2012



**92 pts - Year's Best Australian Shiraz** "John Duval created this wine after leaving his long-time post as chief winemaker for Penfolds. It's a blend of old-vine fruit from vineyards in Krondorf, Tanunda and Light Pass with Eden Valley providing some of the freshness that's apparent in the cool feel of the wine. Black pepper scents of the grape combine with intriguing herbal notes of tobacco and sage, which add dimension to the zesty dark fruit. This should age with grace."

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
October 2012

**92 pts** "Rich flavors of black cherry and spice pick up hints of rose petal and white pepper as the finish evolves. The supple texture glides easily into a deftly balanced end point. Best from 2013 through 2020."

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider**  
February 22, 2012

**90 pts - Very Good+** "This opaque and midnight blue colored Shiraz opens with a mild boysenberry bouquet with hints of coffee, toasted marshmallow and blackberry. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and smooth. The flavor profile is a juicy black cherry with notes of red plum. We also detected hints of coffee, caramel, and mild oak. The finish is dry and its moderate tannins drift away nicely. This wine is very food friendly and would pair well with pork tenderloin or an antipasti platter."

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com**  
January 2013

## **GOLD MEDAL**

**Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition**  
2013

## **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD (Unanimous Gold) – Best of Class**

**Riverside International Wine Competition**  
2013

"The 2010 John Duval Shiraz Entity Barossa Valley displays sexy black raspberry, cassis and Indian spices and an impressive marriage of power and finesse, with no rough edges. For all its depth there's impressive freshness as well, and it has the tannic structure to suggest that it will age positively for some time. For many years Duval was the chief winemaker for Penfolds, Australia's most iconic winery, where he oversaw the making of Grange, which has long been the country's most famous and expensive wine."

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's Winophilia.com**  
September 6, 2012