



## 2015 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “Reflects – in the best sense – John Duval’s long career as the chief architect of Grange. This brings together depth, texture and complexity to a palette (sic) of black fruits, ripe tannins and oak. It cries out for patience (as does Grange), and the greater your patience, the greater the reward.”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion  
2018

**94 pts** “John Duval making shiraz from the Barossa is like eggs going with bacon. This wine comes from a selection of ‘old vine’ vineyards in various parishes of the Barossa. It sees some third or so new oak being engaged in the winemaking and maturation process. Classic styling.

Oak leads the wine in cedary-spicy scents, whiffs of coffee grounds, but I reckon that’s going to settle in just fine. Dark fruits, plums and berries, make up the rest of bouquet, with a smattering of seaweed-greenery character for good measure. The palate is all seduction, lush fruit flavors, opulent texture, smooth, broad tannins. The wine finishes with lingering sweetness and a dusting of perky spice. It’s pitch perfect, earlier drinking style in a sense, but should mature very well.”

**Mike Bennie**  
The Wine Front  
July 7, 2017

**93 pts** “As chief winemaker at Penfolds for 16 years, John Duval was powerfully networked at the center of the Barossa wine community. He established his own label in 2003, focused on Barossa, where he sources fruit from parcels in Krondorf, Eden Valley, Light Pass and Ebenezer to make Entity. His 2015 is a silky shiraz emphasizing tannins with the cool feel of freshly turned earth. It melds floral notes with scents of black olive, black pepper and a bright berry rasp of fruit that speaks of old-vine concentration. Finely integrated, this is built to last.”

**Joshua Greene**  
Wine & Spirits Magazine  
February 2018



**93 pts** “The nose is all blackberry and dark plums with background cola, earth and baking spices. The palate has density with the right hand of balance to guide it in.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**July 17, 2017**

**92 pts** “Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Entity opens with crushed black currant and black cherry notes over layers of licorice, chocolate box, Sichuan pepper and fertile loam. Medium to full-bodied, the palate offers beautifully soft, silky tannins and just enough freshness to lift the intense pepper and black fruit flavors, finishing long with an herbal lift coming through.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**  
**Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate**  
**August 2017**

**91 pts – Very Good+** “This opaque and midnight purple colored Shiraz from John Duval opens blackberry and oak bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and smooth. The flavor profile is an oak influenced blackberry with notes of black raspberry. I also detected a hint of black plum and dark chocolate. The finish is dry and its flavors and mild tannins linger nicely. This Shiraz is food friendly and would pair well with a filet mignon.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
**KensWineGuide.com**  
**May 29, 2018**

**91 pts** “A whiff of fresh mint adds to the black cherry, blackberry and blueberry core. Effusive and concentrated, with notes of chocolate, espresso and sarsaparilla lingering on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator**  
**November 30, 2017**