



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/Editors’ Choice “From one of Barossa’s Shiraz masters, this is an earthy, herbaceous and almost delicate rendition of the grape that is known for richness and power. This wine’s focus is on red forest berries, plums, black pepper and dried leaves. The herbaceousness really shines on the palate, which, thanks to lifted acidity and fine, savory, structured tannins, makes this more than drinkable now, though it’s capable of aging nicely over the next decade, too.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
December 2018

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