

2017 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (32% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.90 g/L TA | 3.53 pH

VINTAGE: The 2017 vintage was defined by excellent winter and spring rains. The plentiful rains led to ample canopy coverage and a healthy fruit set. Summer was mild, which in combination with healthy yields resulted in vintage starting some four weeks later than in 2016. Shiraz was first picked in the Light Pass area on the 10th of March and finished on the 20th of April in Eden Valley.

WINEMAKING: The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Krondorf, Moppa, Light Pass, Ebenezer and Eden Valley regions. Fermentation with submerged cap took place in small open stainless steel fermenters. The wine was then barrel matured for 15 months in 32% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 liters) and the balance in two, three and four-year-old hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: The nose shows lifted notes of violets, boysenberry and blackcurrant, enhanced by licorice and an array of earthy spices. On the palate, bright layers of focused red and blue fruits are supported by clove and peppery spice. Fine sheets of silky tannins are balanced with crisp acidity will enable ample cellaring potential.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 99 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT JOHN DUVAL: 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.

