



## 2008 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**96 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “Intense, dark purple-crimson; a highly expressive and complex bouquet of black fruits, licorice and oak is followed by a full-bodied palate that is savory rather than jammy, notes of dark chocolate joining the black fruits.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion 2011**

**94 pts** “The 2008 Entity Shiraz has a deep garnet-purple color and intense notes of kirsch, creme de cassis, menthol, chocolate, anise, spices and tree bark. Rich, concentrated and full-bodied yet not overly alcoholic (14.5% declared alcohol), this is a seamlessly balanced Shiraz unfolding layers of pure dark berry and spice flavors in the long finish. Though approachable now, it should open further in a year or two and drink well to 2020+.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
**December 2010**

**93 pts**

**Nick Stock**  
**2012 Good Wine Guide**

**93 pts** “Wow, a smoking good Barossa Shiraz, the 2008 John Duval Wines Shiraz Entity, 100% Shiraz that’s aged for 17 months in 35% new French oak, displays classic aromatics of sweet blackberry and cassis fruits to go with loads of spice, licorice, vanilla, and flowers on the nose. Gorgeous on the palate as well, the wine is beautifully put together and possesses a silky, seamless texture, good acidity, and a chocolate-laced finish that’s framed by ripe tannin. A touch of sweetness comes out on the palate, but this is superb. Harvested prior to the heat wave, this is a great 08 and well worth seeking out!”

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report**  
**June 2011**

**93 pts** “Opaque purple. Blackberry, violet, licorice, bitter chocolate and Indian spices on the nose. Dense and sweet but with racy, integrated acidity energizing the dark fruit, floral pastille and bitter chocolate flavors. Finishes with sweet tannins and noteworthy freshness and length. Becomes spicier with air and already displays impressive complexity.”

**Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
**July/August 2010**



**91 pts - #36: Top 100 New Zealand/Australian Wines 2011** “Duval’s 2008 Entity boasts intense aromas of blackberries, vanilla and coffee, and those notes are echoed in its flavors. It’s full-bodied and creamy on the palate, gliding easily into a finely balanced finish, framed by just the right amount of tannin.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**July 2011**

**91 pts** “Bright and generous, not weighty, offering a ripe mouthful of blackberry, floral and mineral flavors, lingering on the crisp, refined finish. Impressive for its nicely etched flavor profile.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
**June 30, 2010**

**90 pts** “New oak richness brackets this wine’s flavors at the beginning and the end. In the middle, it’s packed with blueberry fruit and ironstone tannin, those tannins softened a bit by their time in wood, but still authentic and very present. Give this bottle age to absorb some of its oak; the fruit and structure are there to sustain it.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2010**

**GOLD MEDAL** “Very ripe and classic Shiraz aromas of boot leather, chocolate and praline. Great fruit richness. Intense and smooth with chocolately tannins and meaty flavors.”

**Decanter World Wine Awards 2011**

“John Duval also makes a terrific Shiraz labeled Entity. This Barossa beauty is full of brown sugar, patchouli and Indian spice, while the fruits range from raspberry to black cherry to blood orange.”

**Ben Weinberg, Unfined, Unfiltered Blog**  
**Wine Notes #144: Kiwi and Aussie Wine Madness**