



2012 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

Review Summary



96 pts “This is, I think, the best edition of this carefully assembled shiraz composed of parcels selected from Krondorf, Ebenezer, Greenock and the Eden Valley. The nose is ripe and mellow, giving up layers of rich blackberry and Angelina-plum fruit. There’s a wealth of spices and a soulful, earthy depth, as well as an ever-so-slightly-smoky, tarry edge. The palate is smoothly honed and focuses on a dense mid-palate presence that holds plenty of bright blackberry and plum flavors. Deceptively sturdy tannins carry hauntingly throughout – shadowy and in the background; they will underpin some considerable cellaring given the chance. But drinking very well already. Full credit to the masterful Duval.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
January 28, 2015

96 pts (19/20) – Top 50 Wines of 2014 “For me, the best edition of the well-crafted Shiraz. The nose is ripe and mellow, with layers of rich blackberry and plum. There’s a wealth of spice and soulful, earthy depth and a smoky, tarry edge too. The palate is smoothly honed, with a dense mid-palate that offers bright blackberry and plum flavors. Deceptively sturdy tannins carry hauntingly throughout and merit considerable cellaring if you can manage to keep your hands off it!”

Nick Stock, Decanter
July 2014

95 pts “Yes! I love this wine. It's true to its Aussie roots, but shows beautiful Rhonestyle, with blackberry, blueberry, citrus zest, mild pepper, light herb notes and deep, rich oak spice in both aroma and flavor profiles, with an incredibly long mouth watering finish. This could pair with just about any meat - red or white. Delicious!”

Michael Apstein, WineReviewOnline.com
June 17, 2014

94 pts “Warm at heart but with its eyes firmly set on savoriness. Sweet plum and vanilla meet notes of soy, crushed leaf, woody spice and clove. Intricately tannic. Winds up and lets fly with a style punch of flavor through the finish.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2015



94 pts “An elegant and stylish Shiraz it has extraordinarily deep and complex fruit flavors – all the more remarkable given how young this wine still is. If you have the willpower, hang on to a bottle or two and taste it again in a couple of years.”

Marguerite Thomas, WineReviewOnline.com
July 8, 2014

93 pts – Editors’ Choice “This is another top-flight example of how good the 2012 vintage was for South Australian Shiraz. The oak here is so subtle as to not factor into the wine’s scents of raspberry and cracked pepper. Hints of spice and vanilla mark the palate, gently accenting red berry fruit before ending in a flood of silky tannins.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
October 2015

93 pts “Inky ruby. Explosive smoke- and spice-accented boysenberry and blackcurrant aromas show an exotic floral nuance and suggestions of licorice and allspice. Fleshy and broad on the palate, offering sweet dark fruit flavors and a bracing jolt of peppery spices. Finishes energetic, focused and pure, with silky tannins and a late touch of candied flowers. As attractive as this shiraz is right now, I’d give it at least another five years of bottle aging before digging in.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

92 pts – Very Good+ “This opaque and midnight blue colored Shiraz from John Duval was very well received by the tasting panel. This wine opens with a blueberry and mild oak bouquet with hints of earthy forest floor. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, balanced, smooth, and juicy. The flavor profile is a tasty blueberry with notes of mild minerality. We also detected a hint of blackberry, unsweetened chocolate and old oak. The finish is dry and its mild tannins are nicely prolonged. The panel suggested pairing this very nice Shiraz with a Stilton sirloin burger.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
January 21, 2016

92 pts “Fresh and vital, with expressive flavors of dark plum and spice on an open texture, coming together with intensity and grace on the finish against a light blanket of tannins.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
October 1, 2014

91 pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2012 Entity has a baked black cherry and dried mulberry-laced nose with hints of prunes, Chinese five spice, black pepper and licorice. Full-bodied with plenty of spicy flavor, the baked black fruit flavors are framed by chewy tannins and it finishes long and anise-laced.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
June 2015



90 pts/GOLD MEDAL

Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition 2014

PLATINUM AWARD WINNER/Best of Class

Critics Challenge International Wine Competition 2014

GOLD MEDAL/Best of Class

Riverside International Wine Competition 2014

Exceptional “Inclusion of 33% Eden Valley fruit gives this stylish and blueberry-leather scented wine terrific depth and potential. Has the trappings of Barossa Valley with a cool-climate influence.”

**Dan Berger, Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences
October 10, 2013**

“The deep ruby, almost inky color says “Get ready for something big!” Aromas of dried black and blueberry give way to dried herbs and spiciness. The silky and luxurious weight of the wine leads the way to balanced dark fruit flavors backed up by good acidity and tannin, all leading to a sexy finish.”

**John Lenart, Chicagoist.com
June 26, 2015**

“After helping Penfolds become one of the world's great wineries, John Duval is producing his own wines. This Shiraz has a wonderful nose featuring ripe fruit and engaging complexity. The flavors are rich and refined, climaxing in a long, complex finish.”

**John Vankat, AZDailySun.com
March 11, 2015**