

2016 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

Review Summary



97 pts “Deeply colored; this is at once full-bodied and elegant, not a common marriage with young red wines with decades in front of them. The flavors are all black: blackberry, blackcurrant, black cherry, earth and licorice. The old vines have also provided ripe tannins, the whole theme resonated with oak a la Grange.”

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
2019

94 pts “A ripe nose with the classic blackberry compote nose, as well as some more intriguing nuances such as blueberry skin, dried eucalyptus and dark chocolate. Full body, some really structured tannins, driven acidity and a chewy finish. Lots of fruit, but it remains tight and linear throughout.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
August 15, 2018

93 pts – Very Good+ “This pitch black colored Shiraz from John Duval impressive! It opens with an attractive blackberry jam and boysenberry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, very well-balanced and super smooth. Like the nose, the flavor profile is a delicious blackberry jam and boysenberry blend with notes of fine grained minerality. I also detected hints of stewed plum, cola and oak mixed in as well. The finish is dry and its moderate well-managed tannins show nice length. While this Shiraz would pair well with a charcutier platter and sharp cheeses. It would also be fine on its own by the campfire this summer.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
May 30, 2019



92 pts “Plump and spicy, featuring clove and nutmeg overtones to the blackberry and huckleberry flavors, with accents of black tea and gingerbread backed by dense, velvety tannins.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
March 2019

91 pts “Dark berry fruit marks the nose of Duval’s 2016 Entity Shiraz. Blackberries, blueberries and plums pick up hints of campfire, charcoal and grilled meat, making it a complete, savory wine, not a simple fruit bomb. It’s medium to full-bodied, controlled and contained, without any rough edges and a crisp finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
August 2018