

2015 JOHN DUVAL ELIGO SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa and Eden Valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 20 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (60% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.17 g/L TA | 3.63 pH

VINTAGE: The 2015 vintage started with a warmer than usual spring followed by early, but even, flowering and fruit-set. Frost, particularly in the Northern Barossa reduced yields however the conditions during fruit ripening were pleasingly mild and dry with rain in mid-January bringing some welcome relief. Shiraz was first picked in the Krondorf area on 12 February and finished on 17 March in Eden Valley.

WINEMAKING: Eligo epitomizes John Duval's unparalleled knowledge of Barossa's terroir and fruit. Traditional, low-intervention winemaking techniques ensure that this flagship wine is full of finesse and character. Submerged-cap fermentation takes place in small, stainless steel fermenters with a small portion undergoing extended maceration for up to two weeks to maximize color and flavor extraction.

TASTING NOTES: Concentrated black and blue fruit aromas with hints of earth, nutmeg and spicy, savory oak. The palate has layers of rich, silky dark fruits with some earthy savoriness, smoked meat and licorice. The wine is long, generous and lively, defined by polished and persistent tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 94 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.

