

2016 JOHN DUVAL ELIGO SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa and Eden Valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 20 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (54% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.19 g/L TA | 3.52 pH

VINTAGE: Excellent preceding winter and spring rains created good sub soil moisture levels which led to ample canopy coverage and a healthy fruit set. Summer was mild, which in combination with healthy yields resulted in vintage starting four weeks later than in 2016. Across the portfolio of releases from the 2017 vintage, the red wines show great flavor concentration, impeccable balance and an extra dimension of elegance.

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: The nose is packed with layers of concentrated black fruit, dried herbs, earth and exotic spices. The palate is expressive and commands respect. Rich and rewarding, the dark fruit never stops. Savory notes of soy and anise compliment black plums and seasoned oak. Layer upon layer of flavors keep developing upon the long finish. Powerful, yet still shows great finesse.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts Wine Enthusiast, 94 pts Wine Spectator, 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.

