

2019 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (35% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.20 g/L TA | 3.61 pH

VINTAGE: 2019 was a vintage where quality has triumphed over quantity, with spring frosts and dry conditions combining for greatly reduced yields across the Barossa. Volumes were well down on average, some vineyards more than 50% down, particularly in Eden Valley. However, the fruit we did (very gratefully) receive showed exceptional depth of colour, vibrant yet concentrated fruit with plenty of structure on the palate. 2019 will be remembered as a year for texture, structure and richness. The shiraz vintage started on 25 February and finished in Eden Valley by 10 March.

WINEMAKING: The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Krondorf, Moppa, Tanunda, Ebenezer and Eden Valley regions. Fermentation with submerged cap took place in small open stainless steel fermenters. The wine was then barrel matured for 15 months in 35% new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 liters) and the balance in two, three and four-year-old hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: The nose shows lifted notes of dark berries, plum and boysenberry supported by hints of anise and clove. The palate is dark and brooding, with excellent concentration of layered rich dark fruits with hints of dark chocolate and earth finishing long with youthful tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Wine Spectator, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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.

