



2016 JOHN DUVAL WINES ELIGO

Review Summary



98 pts/TOP-RATED SHIRAZ “Eligo is made from the best parcels of the vintage, fermented with submerged caps in small open fermenters, matured for 20 months in French hogsheads (50% new). The tannins and oak are built into the wine like an inlaid checkerboard table created by a master craftsman with decades of experience. Like John Duval.”

James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion
2020

96 pts “An outstanding color with deep red hues. Dense and rich with subtle sweet oak tones. Hints of clove, liquorice, chocolate and plum liqueur. Remarkably deep, plush and dense, yet still lively and perfectly supple. With wines such as this, John Duval asserts himself as a master of shiraz. Full-bodied and luscious. An Australian classic.”

Toni Patterson MW, TheRealReview.com
May 2019

96 pts “Inky and bright. No shortage of color. Initial oak varnish blows off with a few swirls. Black olives, purple plums and oak-spice – lots of moving parts. Imperious when sipped; intensely-cored with lashings of quality caramel oak. A beautiful young, confident shiraz. Built for the cellar.”

Nick Butler, TheRealReview.com
May 2019

95 PTS/CELLAR SELECTION “Duval delivers a wine that echoes the warmth of the vintage without losing the character of place. Rich, complex and heady aromas of blueberry, blackberry and plum cascade from the glass, followed by dried mint, bay leaves and charred cedar. The mouthfeel is creamy, lathered in luscious fruit and oak without either being overwhelming. The tannins are powerful but seamlessly integrated.”

Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast
July 2020



95 pts “Eligo is Duval’s selection of his best Shiraz, and it isn’t bottled every year. The 2016 Eligo Shiraz is the 10th release since the debut vintage in 2005 (2007 and 2011 were skipped). As always, it’s a big, bold, oaky wine, but one that possesses the fruit and concentration to age for a decade or more. Vanilla, cedar and roasted-meat notes accent blackberry and cassis, the full-bodied palate is richly textural and velvety, while the finish lingers close to a minute.”

Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 31, 2020

95 pts “Deep, violet color. Expansive, spice-accented blackberry, cherry-vanilla, licorice and exotic spice qualities on the nose. Fleshy and appealingly sweet, offering concentrated red and dark fruit preserve flavors that pick up cola, star anise and mocha notes as the wine opens up. Becomes livelier with aeration and finishes on a repeating berry notes note with well-knit tannins and impressive length.”

Josh Reynolds, Vinous
December 2, 2021

94 pts “Duval’s eye is good in 2016 with a super rich array of plums, chocolate and blackberries on offer. Full-bodied palate and a strong, long and attractive core of fleshy, ripe fruit. Zesty kick on the finish.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
June 26, 2019

93 pts “Dark, offering a dense, espresso-infused mix of cassis, blackberry and spicy cedar notes, showing details of black walnut, mahogany and tobacco on a plush, fleshy frame.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator Insider
August 14, 2019