

2018 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

Review Summary



97 pts/2021 BEST SHIRAZ WINES “Entity is always a complete, fabulous wine. Nothing out of place. Cherry picking fruit from sites off old vines across the Eden and Barossa Valleys. It is so polished, there’s a sheen. Flavours of black fruits, licorice and woody spices all in sync. The key is beautifully shaped and plush tannins. Wonderful wine.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion
August 6, 2020

95 pts “This is an amalgam of 48% Barossa and 52% Eden Valley parcels, an increased inclusion of Eden Valley material in the mix, which works well in this powerful vintage. The aromas are attractively spicy and complex with blackberries, blueberries and dark raspberries, as well as a dark stony edge and some violet-like florals. Lots here. The palate has a very intense core of such vivid blackberry flavors. Supple and velvety, very long and rich, the core of concentrated fruit here is impressive.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
November 5, 2020

95 pts “Polished Barossa shiraz that ought to have the status of a regional benchmark (if it doesn’t already). Deep coloured with a complete, harmonious nose of beautifully integrated dark fruits, savoury and sweet spice, and cedary oak. It’s plush and seamless across the palate with perfect balance, classy barrel influence and soft background tannins. A classic Aussie red wine.”

Ralph Kyte-Powell
The Real Review
March 15, 2020



94 pts “Dark, bright-rimmed purple. Smoke-accented black and blue fruit and mocha scents, with subtle mocha and cracked pepper nuances in the background. Smooth and broad on the palate, offering sweet cassis and cherry-vanilla flavors that pick up a suave floral note on the back half. Shows surprising energy for its heft and finishes extremely long and spicy with recurring smokiness and mounting tannins lending shape.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
December 2, 2021

92 pts “Dense dark chocolate notes give way to bright, fragrant and generous cherry and blackberry flavors, showcasing details of chai tea, black licorice and dried apricot. The intensity and toothsome tannins are appealing, as is the long, rich finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
July 31, 2020

92 pts “Hints of cedar join mint, pepper and bold berry fruit on the nose of the 2018 Entity Shiraz. Boysenberry and blueberry notes round out the medium to full-bodied palate, filling in any gaps in the plush-textured tannins and lingering on the softly dusty finish. This is a classically styled Barossa Shiraz, drinkable now and for the next decade or more.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 31, 2020

90 pts “This vintage is very much in its infancy, showing quite a bit of chocolaty oak and powerful tannins alongside the ripe fruit at the moment. The producer’s hallmark secondary characters are there, too, peeking through the cracks. With time the oak and tannins will integrate into the wine and those bay leaf, graphite, licorice and furniture polish nuances should seem more palpable.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
June 1, 2020