

2020 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 7.1 g/L TA | 3.52 pH

VINTAGE: Dry conditions for the second year in a row presented some challenges, with yields again well down. Despite the dry conditions, February and March were cooler than average, providing a long and even ripening period. The resulting wines are of very high quality, with great purity and depth of fruit characters.

WINEMAKING: The Shiraz was sourced from old vineyards in the Krondorf, Moppa, Tanunda, Ebenezer and Eden Valley regions. The parcels of fruit were fermented separately in small stainless steel fermenters some with submerged caps, and twice daily pump overs. Due to low yields and dry conditions, careful consideration was taken to avoid over extraction, Post ferment, the component wines were matured in oak for 15 months, with 25% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300L) and the balance in older French hogsheads and puncheons. The intent for the wine is to be approachable in its youth, but with ample structure and fruit depth to allow cellaring, under good conditions, for at least 15 years.

TASTING NOTES: The nose shows attractive notes of dark berries and plum supported by hints of anise with a floral lift. The palate is dark and brooding, with tightly wound layers of rich black and blue fruits with hints of dark chocolate and spice. The finish is long with savory tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2020 vintage not yet rated. 2019: 94 pts/Top 100 Wine Spectator

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.

