

2017 JOHN DUVAL WINES ELIGO SHIRAZ

Review Summary



97 pts/2021 BEST SHIRAZ WINES “John Duval is a master blender. This is all about the best of the vintage, fruit from various sites across the Barossa and Eden Valleys, to morph into the mighty Eligo. A powerhouse of flavour yet never loses focus. Dark plums infused with star anise, cinnamon, Dutch licorice and soy sauce. Full-bodied with velvety rich tannins. It gets the most oak - French hogsheads 54% new, aged 18 months, and needs time to settle in. It will.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion
August 6, 2020

95+ pts “This 2017 Eligo Shiraz smells like it’s going to be monstrously huge—the nose is chappy, spicy and dense. However, in the mouth, there is a bright, vibrant lightness to the core of red fruit. It’s spectacular. There is black cherry, raspberry pip, damson, red apple skins and salted licorice. I always think it a great thing when sweet fruit is tempered by either salty/savory spice or a hint of hung deli meat. It’s the yin to the yang, and it’s here. Very good. Drink it now through 2037.”

Erin Larkin
Wine Advocate
September 15, 2022

95 pts “Deep, dark red/purple colour, with a rich, ripe, dark plum aroma. The palate is intense and rich, fleshy and strongly structure, but approachable now. Discreet spices, black licorice hints and smoky charred oak. It has the muscle to age superbly.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
March 15, 2020

94 pts “Shows tremendous density and concentration, with loamy earth notes and plenty of herbal accents to the dried plum and berry flavors. Offers details of date nut bread, star anise and dark chocolate that add richness and complexity to the finish. Polished tannins are dense and toothsome, never getting in the way of the flavors.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
February 3, 2021



94 pts “This bottling offers notes of plum, blackberry, dark chocolate, mint, cedar and tobacco, with a distinctive underbelly of green peppercorn spice. The palate is full-bodied but not heavy, with great depth of flavor, muscular tannins and silky fruit. It offers plenty of precision and charm.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 30, 2021

94 pts “A selection of the best parcels of shiraz, offering a rich, classically styled shiraz with a complex, spicy thread of aromas, through rich blackberries and dark plums. Rich, earthy and tarry notes, too. The palate has a very rich core of blackberries with finely layered tannins and a gently fleshy edge. Composed and richly delivered. The tannins sit comfortably inside the fruit here.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
November 5, 2020