

2021 JOHN DUVAL ENTITY SHIRAZ



WINEMAKERS: John Duval, Tim Duval
REGION: Barossa, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.7 g/L TA | 3.50 pH

VINTAGE: With better winter rains, and a perfectly timed shower at the start of February, we were rewarded with better crops and berry size after a few drought-affected years. Conditions through late April could only be described as perfect, with no heat spikes and cool nights. This meant for a long, even ripening period and a lovely pace to the growing season. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

WINEMAKING: Fruit was sourced from old Shiraz vineyards in the Krondorf, Tanunda, Marananga, Ebenezer, Moppa, and Eden Valley regions comprising 75% Barossa Valley, 25% Eden Valley fruit. Each parcel was fermented separately in small stainless steel fermenters, some with submerged caps and twice daily pump overs. Post ferment, the component wines were matured in oak for 15 months, with 25% in new, fine-grain French oak hogsheads and the balance in older French hogsheads and puncheons.

TASTING NOTES: The bouquet features attractive notes of violets, dark berries and plum supported by hints of licorice and a floral lift. On the palate, bright layers of focused red and blue fruits with hints of dark chocolate and peppery spice, finishing long with fine sheets of silky tannins. We intend for the wine to be approachable in its youth, but with ample structure and fruit depth to allow cellaring for at least 15 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT JOHN AND TIM DUVAL: John Duval is one of Australia's most highly-regarded winemakers; his time as Chief Winemaker and custodian of Australia's famous Grange 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. Ahead of the 2016 vintage, John Duval Wines welcomed a second generation as eldest son Tim joined the family wine business working alongside his father. Together, they craft intense, focused wines that are as distinctive as the region's diverse terroir.

