

2017 JOHN DUVAL WINES INTEGRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



98 pts/TOP 100 WINES “A full-bodied wine of ultimate coherence and quality, the bouquet setting the signal for the palate to follow. Attention to detail is obvious, especially the handling of tannins and oak. The integration of these components with the blackcurrant fruit is faultless.”

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
November 1, 2020

98 pts “Deep and intense ruby core that fades only slightly into the rim. Black fruits, tobacco leaf and cola spices on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, incredibly well-poised with Christmas cake and spice notes rolling around the mouth. Great length and drive into the finish. A delicate hand has built a delicious modern Barossa red.”

Stuart Knox
The Real Review
March 18, 2021

96 pts “A new blend of 90% cabernet sauvignon and 10% shiraz that offers a very fresh, vivid and intense impression that leads with blueberries and blackcurrants, as well as violets, dark stones, graphite, pepper and earthy elements. The palate has attractive freshness and lively fruit with intense, ripe blueberries, black cherries, blackberries and more. Smoothly composed, long and even. This has a very succulent, long and rich finish. Dense, long and well composed.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
November 5, 2020

96 pts “Opaque ruby. Blackcurrant, cherry-vanilla, fruitcake, toasty oak and incense qualities on the deeply perfumed nose. Stains the palate with intense black and blue fruit, mocha and floral pastille flavors and exotic spice and smoky mineral nuances add back-end lift and cut. Deep and fleshy but surprisingly energetic as well, courtesy of an undercurrent juicy acidity. Finishes on a youthfully tannic note, displaying excellent focus and superb, floral-driven persistence.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
December 2, 2021



95 pts “Impressive, distinctive and stylish, with a sleek, supple profile of fine-grained tannins that set up a lovely frame for the precise flavors of kirsch, framboise, Kalamata olive, dried violet, blueberry pie and Earl Grey tea. Deep and complex, yet wonderfully elegant and light on its feet, with beautiful aromatics.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
May 5, 2021

94+ pts “The 2017 Integro Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz is a blend of Eden Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Barossa Valley Shiraz and was matured in French oak for 20 months. Looking at this beside the 2018 vintage, it is clear in the glass how mightily different the conditions of each season were. Where the 2018 has energy and red fruit, this 2017 is more restrained, herbal and leafy, with a distinct vein of freshly tanned leather, tobacco resin and arnica laced throughout. In the mouth, the tannins are finely milled, and the texture is verging on slippery and very fine. An elegant rendition of this full-bodied style, this is perhaps one to consume with a little more curiosity than the more obvious 2018 vintage. While the acidity says the wine will age prodigiously, I would wager that the finer fruit profile may fall away a little faster than its more voluptuous sibling. Distinct wines.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
April 6, 2023