



## 2018 JOHN DUVAL WINES ELIGO SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “The first Eden Valley dominant Eligo (70%) with the Barossa Valley parcel coming from Adrian Hoffmann’s Ebenezer vineyard. From an excellent vintage, this has a very fragrant nose, with fresh roasted spices and a cedary-oak thread that opens to cocoa powder, redcurrants, peaches, pomegranates, blueberries and blackberries. So, so youthful. The palate is very plush, fleshy and long. Flavor-soaked with rich and fresh blackberry and red-plum flavors. Long cellaring life here. An excellent Eligo.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
October 2021

**96+ pts** “The 2018 vintage was excellent in the Barossa (and many other places in Australia, too). The wines are ripe but fresh and have a really firm framework of tannins that give them poise and shape. This 2018 Eligo Shiraz is perfectly representative of the vintage conditions, and when compared to the 2017 before it and the 2019 after it, the 2018 shows luminescence and succulence. The tannins are lithe and winy—this is brilliant. Bravo. It’ll only get better.”

Erin Larkin  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate  
September 2022

**95 pts** “This Barossan Shiraz Eligo shows an excellent depth of color from the exceptional 2018 vintage. With a bit of bottle age, it has settled in for the long haul with brooding dark cherry, dark licorice and baked earth aromas. Mixed ground spices sitting in the background are supported by coffee grounds oak. Highly expressive with a freight train of dense flavors - tar and earthy tones are topped by subtle dried sage and spice. Pliable tannins with a fresh acid backbone provide a solid structure with a lengthy finish, the icing on the cake.”

Angus Hughson  
Vinous  
March 2023

**94 pts** “This lush version offers ripe blackberry and blueberry flavors that show notes of Earl Grey tea, bittersweet chocolate, dried sage, palo santo and date-nut bread, with spicy hints of clove and cardamon, plus a loamy earth accent that acts as a savory thread. Everything is harmonious on the long, expressive finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec  
Wine Spectator  
October 2023



**94 pts** "70/30% Eden/Barossa Valley fruit, from the best selection of the vintage. Matured 18 months in 55% new French oak hogsheads. Eden Valley fruit dominant for the first time. This shiraz achieves definition and detail via grand concentration and enduring structure. Deep wells of black fruits of all kinds, licorice and coal steam are confidently supported by a frame of new French oak tannins. A dry finish reflects a drought year, yet holds pretty good persistence and promise."

Tyson Stelzer  
Halliday Wine Companion  
May 2021