



# 2018 JOHN DUVAL WINES INTEGRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## Review Summary



**97 pts** “John Duval’s flagship cabernet shiraz blend. Eden Valley represents the lion’s share (90%), as does cabernet sauvignon, with shiraz contributing 10%. Stunning fruit purity and detail on display here, with cascades of blackberry and blackcurrant along with cassis, kirsch, spice, cedar and licorice. The fruit is the star though. Achingly pure and beautifully integrated with all the components of the wine. Lovely tannin and oak management too, with an opulent yet graceful flow through to the enduring finish.”

Dave Brooks  
Halliday Wine Companion  
March 2022

**96+ pts** “The 2018 Integro Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz is a blend of Eden Valley and Barossa fruit, matured for 20 months in French oak. 2018 was an excellent vintage in many places in Australia, and the great state of South Australia is no exception. Warm and ripe, but with good winter rains leading in, the vintage has been defined in more recent years by its red-fruited energy and fully resolved tannic profile, without (in most cases) the alcohols being overblown. This 2018 Integro is a fine example of that statement, coming in at 14% alcohol. On the nose, there is leafy cassis, tobacco leaf, dark chocolate, aniseed, licorice, black tea and mulberries. In the mouth, the wine performs exactly thus, shaped by a wall of ductile tannin. Give this a decant; the length of flavor tells us everything we need to know about its quality, and the characters are currently bound up in their youth. Give it the opportunity to stretch its legs, if you insist on drinking it as a young wine. The drinking window is likely very conservative.”

Erin Larkin  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate  
April 2023

**96 pts** “This has such freshness and vibrant, cabernet-sauvignon redcurrant and blackcurrant aromas with rich red plums and plum compote. Spice, crushed stone and pepper, too. More primary-fruit presence here than the cooler, complex 2017. The palate has such fine-grained tannin that is so long and mouth-filling with fleshy, rich texture. These are such impressive tannins. Plump fruit flavors here. A blend of 90% Stonegarden cabernet and 10% Barossa shiraz.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
October 2021



**94 pts** “Wonderfully elegant, this red has plenty of polish to the tannins, and there’s also a lot of complexity and harmony to the notes of kirsch, tarragon, blueberry, Black Forest cake and toasted cumin, backed by a hint of dried fennel. Rich notes of cigar box, cedar and spice linger on the open-knit finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
Wine Spectator  
October 2023

**93 pts/Cellar Selection** “This former Penfolds Grange winemaker’s reds are always big, characterful, old school and precise, and the 2018 Cab, from prized old vineyards in the Eden Valley, lives up. Heady aromas of cherry preserves and savory spice are framed in toasty oak, followed by roast veg and petrichor nuances. The palate comes with lifted acidity and an earthy, beetroot tang. Tannins are ultra fine and powdery, weaving a tight web amidst the red and black fruit. Drink 2026-2038.”

**Christina Pickard**  
Wine Enthusiast  
Best of the Year Issue/November 2023