

2018 JOHN DUVAL ELIGO SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: John and Tim Duval
REGION: 30% Barossa and 70% Eden valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in 100% French oak hogsheads (55% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.13 g/L TA | 3.55 pH

VINTAGE: Warmer than average conditions through October and November promoted healthy canopies, good flowering and a healthy set of bunches. Very dry conditions through summer tested vineyard management to preserve vine health, and they were rewarded with perfect ripening and harvest conditions throughout March and early April. We believe 2018 produced many exceptional wines, with Eden Valley Shiraz, in particular, appearing amongst the best in living memory.

WINEMAKING: Eligo epitomizes John Duval's unparalleled knowledge of Eden and Barossa valleys' terroir and fruit. Traditional, low-intervention winemaking techniques ensure that this flagship wine is full of finesse and character. The parcels of fruit were fermented separately in small stainless steel fermenters with submerged caps and twice daily pump overs. Some batches were left on skins for up to 2 weeks to extract additional color and structure.

TASTING NOTES: Aromas of black and blue fruit with hints of anise and clove waft from the glass. This wine is packed with a multitude of vibrant fruit layers and a commanding depth of flavor. It also displays hints of spice and licorice and finishes with integrated, fine tannins. The finesse on this wine is remarkable for how powerfully structured it is.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Wine Enthusiast, 96+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 95 Vinous, 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts Wine Spectator

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.

