

# 2019 JOHN DUVAL

## ELIGO SHIRAZ



**WINEMAKER:** John and Tim Duval  
**REGION:** 54% Barossa and 46% 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:** 2019 was a vintage where quality has triumphed over quantity, with spring frosts and dry conditions combining for greatly reduced yields across the Barossa. Volumes were well down on average, some vineyards more than 50% down, particularly in Eden Valley. However, the fruit we did (very gratefully) receive showed exceptional depth of color, vibrant yet concentrated fruit with plenty of structure on the palate. 2019 will be remembered as a year for texture, structure and richness.

**WINEMAKING:** The parcels of fruit were fermented separately in small stainless steel fermenters with submerged caps & twice daily pump overs. Some batches were left on skins for up to 2 weeks to extract additional colour & structure. Post classification, the component wines were matured in oak for 18 months, 55% new fine grain French oak hogsheads & the balance in older, seasoned hogsheads.

**TASTING NOTES:** Lifted black fruit, plum and blackberry with hints of anise and clove and earth. Packed with a multitude of vibrant, powerful fruit layers and a commanding depth of flavour. It also displays hints of spice and licorice and finishes with integrated, fine grippy tannins. While we intend for the wine to be approachable in its youth, it will benefit from at least 5 years of cellaring and should be in good drinking zone for at least 15 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 96 pts Wine Advocate, 95 pts/Highly Recommended Wine Spectator, 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 95 pts The Real Review, 94 pts Vinous

**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.

