

John Duval,
`Entity` Barossa Shiraz 2021
Barossa, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	John and Tim Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.44g/L
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Founded in 2003, John Duval Wines began with a single wine and grew over two decades to become one of the Barossa's most celebrated producers. John Duval is the sixth generation of his family to grow grapes in South Australia, but only the first to transition from grape growing to winemaking. Previously Chief Winemaker at Penfolds where he made some of the most celebrated vintages of 'Grange', John has carved out his own expressive style, which honours the Duval family history by working with growers with exceptional vineyards. These are wines with a sense of place which champion old Barossan vines. In 2016, John Duval Wines welcomed their next generation, as eldest son Tim joined the family wine business to work alongside his father.

VINEYARDS

The Shiraz fruit was sourced from some of the oldest vineyards in the Krondorf, Ebenezer, Moppa and Tanunda regions of the north and east Barossa. For the 2021 vintage, 75% of the fruit came from the Barossa Valley and the other 25% of the Shiraz came from cooler sites in the Eden Valley, to maintain the elegant style of this wine.

VINTAGE

The 2020/2021 growing season in the Barossa began with warm conditions and average rainfall. After two consecutive years of extreme weather conditions at flowering, late spring of 2020 was calm and uneventful. This allowed great fruit set and healthy canopies carrying slightly above average crop load. Some well-timed rainfall in late January replenished the soil profile before a cool, dry March allowed slow and steady ripening and development of mature tannins and dark-fruited Shiraz. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

VINIFICATION

The parcels of fruit were fermented separately in small, stainless steel fermenters, some with submerged caps, and twice daily pump overs. Due to low yields and dry conditions, they were careful to avoid over extraction. Post-ferment, the component wines were aged in oak for 15 months, with 25% in new, fine grain French oak hogsheads (300L) and the balance in older French hogsheads and puncheons.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, notes of dark berries and plum supported by hints of liquorice and a floral lift. Dark and brooding on the palate, with tightly wound layers of rich, black and blue fruits with hints of dark chocolate and spice, finishing long with savoury tannins.

AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2023, Silver