

John Duval,
`Entity` Barossa Shiraz 2022
Barossa, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Shiraz
Winemaker	John and Tim Duval
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.52g/L
Acidity	6.8g/L
Wine pH	3.45
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 majority of the fruit was sourced from some of the oldest vineyards in the Krondorf, Ebenezer, Moppa and Tanunda sub-regions in the north and east of the Barossa. For the 2022 vintage, 15% of the Shiraz came from cooler sites in the Eden Valley, to maintain the elegant style of this wine.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was set up beautifully with good soil moisture carrying over from the mild 2021 vintage. A significant October hail event reduced yields in some vineyards, but luckily most escaped without impacting quality. La Nina influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions, allowing for even flavour accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. The 2022 vintage will be remembered as a standout season.

VINIFICATION

The parcels of fruit were fermented separately in small, stainless steel fermenters, some with submerged caps, and twice daily pump overs. 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, there are notes of dark berries and plum, supported by hints of anise and clove. Dark and brooding on the palate, with tightly wound layers of rich black fruits, hints of dark chocolate and spice, and a long finish with savoury tannins.