

John Duval,
`Eligo` Barossa Shiraz 2021
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Syrah
Winemaker	John Duval and Tim Duval
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	6.6g/L
Wine pH	3.51
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 process of creating Eligo begins pre-harvest in the vineyard, where the most exceptional parcels of fruit for the vintage are identified. Grapes are sourced from old vineyards from the Ebenezer, Moppa and Eden Valley regions, with the final blend comprising 30% Barossa Valley and 70% Eden Valley fruit. The Barossa Valley components deliver depth and structure to the palate and an overlay of rich concentrated fruit flavour that is complimented by the vibrant aromatics of the Eden Valley components.

VINTAGE

2021 brought welcome rains following previous years' drought conditions, resulting in better crops and larger berries. Conditions from late February to April were ideal, with mild days and cool nights allowing for even flavour development and balancing acidity. There was an even pace to the 2021 vintage. The fruit was able to ripen evenly, resulting in an exceptional final harvest.

VINIFICATION

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 two weeks to extract additional colour and structure. Post classification, the component wines were matured in oak for 18 months, 42% in new fine grain French oak hogsheads (300 litre) and the balance in two - and three-year-old hogsheads. While the wine is approachable in its youth, it will also benefit from at least five years of cellaring, with good drinking potential for at least 20 years.

TASTING NOTES

The Shiraz features bold black fruit aromas, with hints of anise, clove, and lifted florals. Richly textured on the palate and powerful. Hints of ironstone and liquorice unfold with well-integrated tannins.