



2005 JOHN DUVAL WINES ELIGO

Review Summary



96 pts – TOP 50 CELLAR SELECTIONS OF 2007 “The wine is in the bottle, but hasn’t been named yet, hence the “Reserve” designation. Underneath a slightly smoky, toasty exterior lies an explosion of cherry, raspberry and black cherry fruit that’s wonderfully pure without being simple. The texture is creamy and lush without being unstructured or jammy, while the finish goes on and on. Drink now – 2020”. Ranked #12.

Wine Enthusiast
December 31, 2007

96 pts “Has great concentration and structure and, above all, length to its panoply of red and black berry fruit; both oak and tannins positive, but nonetheless in a support role.”

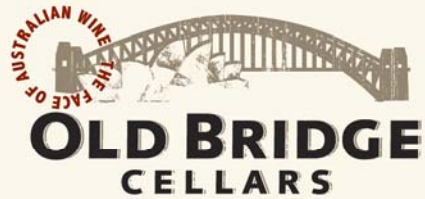
James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

95pts “A fabulous Barossa shiraz from the master. Duval’s regular shiraz is a beauty, but this has more structure and ageing potential. Shy at this stage, undeveloped and loaded with promise.”

Huon Hooke
Good Living, Sydney Morning Herald
July 22, 2008

94 pts “Opaque purple. Vivid blackberry, cassis, violet and mineral scents offer superb definition and expand with air, picking up exotic incense and Asian spice qualities. Sharply focused red and dark berry fruit flavors stain the palate, with fine-grained tannins providing gentle support. The floral element gains strength on the finish, which features sweet raspberry and zesty minerals. A shiraz with outstanding balance and energy. (Old Bridge Cellars, Napa, CA)”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Jul/Aug 2008

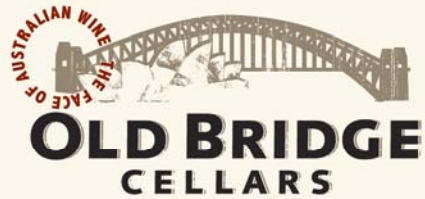


94 pts “Purple-colored, it exhibits aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, espresso, licorice, blackberry and blueberry. Opulent on the palate, it has gobs of fruit but narrows out slightly in the finish.”

Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February 2009

90 pts “The gamey scent of Duval’s top selection has all the elements of a bear at a blackberry bush, complete with the sweet honey from her recent visit to the hive. There’s a funky bit of youthful reduction that should fade away as the berry and plum flavors evolve. The tannins are gentle and light, placing it with lamb tenderloin.”

Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’
February 2009



94 pts “After four years building his own brand, former Grange maker John Duval shows his profound understanding of the deepest and best of the Barossa with this flagship. Made in a style Max Schubert would love, the wine seems like a blacksmithed essence of the whole valley, compressed with the AP John cooperage into one impenetrable lozenge. But at the same time, it displays an elegance and restraint rarely seen in these days of plump, jammy Liberace extravaganzas. Open one now, just to peek, and put the rest away for at least a decade. Steak.”

Phillip White
Independent Weekly
June 4, 2008

5 Stars “Fruit that’s been given first class treatment with sumptuous, chocolate-coated purple fruit with a savoury streak running through. Fine poise. A wine of some distinction and one of Barossa’s leading lights.”

Decanter Magazine
May 31, 2008