



## 2005 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ



### Review Summary

**95 pts** “Harmonious fruit, alcohol and oak handling; very considerable length; old vine fruit has soaked up 17 months in French oak.”

**James Halliday**  
2008 Wine Companion

**94 pts** “A beautiful evocation of plum and blackberry balanced against a veil of creamy oak – but only a veil. It’s the fruit that distinguishes the long, expressive finish”.

**Wine Spectator**  
October 15, 2007

**TOP 100 of 2007 – Ranked 24** “In 2003, a year after leaving Penfolds where he’d been chief winemaker for 16 years, John Duval started his own brand. Entity exemplifies the modern style of Barossa Shiraz – a style Duval pioneered with the Penfolds RWT. It emphasizes fresh fruit character, supple texture, and aging in French (rather than American) oak barrels. It’s a blend of fruit from 8 vineyards”.

**Wine Spectator**  
December 2007

**93 pts** “The 2005 Entity is 100% Shiraz, 100% barrel-fermented in 45% new French oak. Opaque purple-colored, it delivers a nearly ethereal perfume of smoky oak, spice box, pencil lead, meat, game, violets, and blueberry muffin. Full-bodied yet surprisingly elegant, this Shiraz has superb balance, great depth, layers of flavor, and a very long, pure finish. It will surely evolve for 6-8 years but few will be able to delay their gratification”.

**Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
October 2007 (Issue 173)

**93 pts** “Deep violet. Hugely aromatic nose combines powerful blackberry, dark cherry, licorice, mocha and violet scents. Lush and velvety, but with bright minerality giving the dark berry flavors remarkable vivacity. Fills out with air, picking up deeper espresso and high-octane chocolate notes. But this is all about fresh, energetic, pure fruit. Finishes on a bright, nervy note of berry skin, with superb length”.

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
July/August 2007 (Issue 133)

**92 pts** “Tight and oaky at first, but this gradually opens with air to reveal copious blueberry and blackberry aromas and flavors. Vanilla and spice accent the primary fruit, while the tannins are supple, imparting a creamy mouthfeel. Long on the finish. Despite its youthful drinkability, it should age through at least 2015”.

**Wine Enthusiast**  
November 1, 2007