

2006 JOHN DUVAL WINES ENTITY SHIRAZ

Review Summary



96 pts - James Halliday's Top 100 2008

"Saturated crimson-purple; has achieved the density of fruit to guarantee a 30-year life without the least hint of overripe fruit or alcohol heat; perfect balance and integration of fruit, oak and tannins; the work of a master."

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion

94 pts "the 2006 Entity is a 100% Shiraz cuvee exhibiting a bit more restraint than the Plexus. It presents an aromatic array of smoke, pepper, Asian spices, tar, blueberry and blackberry liqueur. On the palate it is full-bodied, smooth-textured, deep, and intensely flavored but not over the top. Its impeccable balance should permit 5-7 years of additional cellaring and it should offer prime drinking from 2014 to 2028. It too, is a superb value."

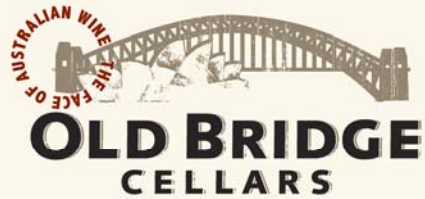
Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February, 2008

93 pts "Inky ruby. Pungent dark berry and candied cherry aromas are complicated by smoked meat, licorice and Asian spices. Powerful and deep in dark berry flavors, but almost shockingly lithe and precise, displaying fresh raspberry and blueberry on the back. An undercurrent of juicy acidity contributes lift and precision, and helps to extend the finish. This terrific shiraz offers a deft balance of finesse and depth, not to mention impressive finishing clarity and cut."

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

93 pts "Duval serves up another winner with this Barossa shiraz, showing many of his peers how it should be done. Chocolate, plum, earth and vanilla aromas lead into a rich, very ripe, licorice and blackberry, black olive palate. Deep and luxurious, it has balance and softness aplenty."

Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine
Top 100 New Releases
August/September 2008



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Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008

90 pts “This wine opens with a dense nose of chocolate, dates and spice. The palate is full-bodied, ripe and rich without being soft. Flavors of blackberry and leather are nicely framed by cedary oak. Could benefit from additional aging.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2009

TOP 100 WINES OF THE YEAR - #69

Wine.com
December, 2009



91 pts “In 2006 John Duval produced two Shiraz that reflect the terroir of the Barossa Valley, arguably Australia's premier red-wine region. Entity is Duval's choice for grapes that didn't quite make the cut for Eligo, his 'best of vintage' Shiraz. Entity was aged for 17 months in French oak and is packed with bright blackberry aromas and flavors, fine ripe tannins and great length. Finished at 14.5% alcohol, Entity will gain complexity with additional aging up to 10 years or more.”

Gerald D. Boyd
Wine Review Online
Nov 4, 2008

91 pts “Warm and generous when first poured, the wine leads with plummy, mocha scents dusted with a hint of spice, like Mexican chocolate. The flavors are warm and inviting, with hints of plum compote and a smooth marking of oak. Stays tight, focused, and controlled, for all its expansiveness.”

Patrick Comiskey
Wine Review Online
November 18, 2008

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Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator Online: Tasting Highlights, Barossa Shiraz
August 22, 2008

Trophy Best Barossa Valley Red – International Wine Challenge, London, 2008

Gold International Wine Challenge, London, 2008

Silver Decanter World Wine Awards 2008