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2020 ELIGO SHIRAZ

REVIEWS

97 points, Stuart Knox, The Real Review, January 2024

Deep and intense ruby and purple colours in the glass. Plum, blueberry, vanilla oil and dark chocolate aromas. Rich and weighty on the palate with a subtle ironstone minerality adding character to the rich dark fruit core. Intense and incredibly long with gravelly tannins bringing the whole palate into focus as it rolls to the finish. Cellar time will be very well rewarded.

96 points, Dave Brookes, Halliday Wine Companion 8 July 2024

A vineyard selection across the finest plot from which winemaker John Duval sources grapes. Rich, concentrated and graceful, it's a wine that is harmonious and shows great presence as it travels across the palate. Satsuma plum, blackberry and black cherry fruits of great depth and purity. Studded with hints of baking spice, sage, licorice, dark chocolate, panforte, jasmine, olive tapenade, cedar and earth. There's a meaty, beef-stock edge to the palate, tending savoury on the finish, with powdered graphite tannins and a fine acid pulse. Super stuff.

96 points, Andrew Caillard, The Vintage Journal Barossa Wine Guide 2024

Deep crimson. Lovely praline, blackberry aromas with hints of marzipan/vanilla/roasted hazelnut aromas. Luxuriant pure black cherry, blackberry, cocoa, espresso flavours, fine integrated slinky textures and lovely mid-palate volume/buoyancy. Bittersweet finish lengthens the palate. Suave and classic. Drink now–2036 14.5% alc

96 points, Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 21 June 2024

The 2020 Eligo Shiraz "is a vineyard selection of our best vineyards," says winemaker Tim Duval, with 53% Barossa Valley and 47% Eden Valley. On the nose, the oak is more pronounced; there's 50% new French oak. The season was a challenging year, the third in a row of drought, extremely low yielding and threw many challenges for producers, although it was as hot as the previous 2019 vintage. I tend to quite like the resultant 2020 wines, despite the challenges faced out in the vineyards over the year. Here, the wine is coiled and compressed, with a splay of black tannin and char that laces through the fruit. The wine is long and undulating through the finish and promises a long future in front of it. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.



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