JOHN DUVAL WINES

2015 ENTITY SHIRAZ

REVIEWS

96 points, James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion, 2017 Matured for 17 months in French oak (35% new). Reflects - in the best sense - John Duval's long career as the chief architect of Grange. This brings together depth, texture and complexity to a palette (sic) of black fruits, ripe tannins and oak. It cries out for patience (as does Grange), and the greater your patience, the greater the reward.

94 points, Mike Bennie, The Wine Front, July 2017

Oak leads the wine in cedary-spicy scents, whiffs of coffee grounds, but I reckon that's going to settle in just fine. Dark fruits, plums and berries, make up the rest of bouquet, with a smattering of seaweed-greenery character for good measure. The palate is all seduction, lush fruit flavours, opulent texture, smooth, broad tannins. The wine finishes with lingering sweetness and a dusting of perky spice. It's pitch perfect, earlier drinking style in a sense, but should mature very well.

94 points, Huon Hooke, www.huonhooke.com, August 2017

Deep red/purple colour, with a bouquet of smoky charred oak barrels, the palate full-bodied and rich, with ample chocolate and vanilla, toasty oak and a hint of coffee grounds. There are fruitcake flavours on the palate, which is full-bodied and deep, rugged and generously flavoured and structured. It will be best kept for a year or two, minimum. Preferably longer.





