



2004 Sequel Syrah
Columbia Valley
John Duval

John Duval is the winemaker who for fifteen years presented Australia with its most celebrated wine, Penfold's Grange.

Tasting Notes: Darkly-hued with cherry and cassis aromas to match, this is a focused Syrah loaded with black fruit, spice and a hint of vanilla across a supple frame. Give it time in the glass to fully reveal the wine's layers of fruit and concentration.

Vintage: Due to a January freeze, the 2004 Columbia Valley growing season was trickier than most. However, those who managed their vineyards carefully, as Long Shadows did, were rewarded with wonderfully ripe, flavorful wines on par with previous vintages. Fearing damage to the vine because of the freeze, some vineyards left extra buds on the vine, but Long Shadows elected to work with growers and aggressively pruned and thinned blocks to ensure small crop levels and even ripening. Yields averaged 1 – 2 tons per acre resulting in balanced, uniform vines that developed beautifully over the course of a growing season marked by a hot summer, cool September and a warm October that matured grapes late in the season.

Winemaking: Carefully selected, hand-harvested grapes were fermented in 2 – 4 ton tanks, using a variety of Australian fermentation methods. In 2004, 90% of the wine was aged in small French oak, a barrel regime similar to the one John developed for Penfolds RWT, a modern, lush style of Shiraz than his iconic Grange. Held in small lots over the course of 18 months of barrel aging, John selected the best wine of the vintage for the final blend.

Vineyards: The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region so working with a varied selection of top Syrah vineyards gives Sequel complexity and layers. Yakima Valley's Boushey Vineyard (35%) gives the wine its elegance and balance; Alder Ridge (24%) and Wallula Vineyard (7%) in the Horse Heaven Hills combines with Red Mountain vineyards (32%) to add black fruit and richness. A small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon from Sagemoor's Dionysus Vineyard on a southwest facing slope in Pasco adds complexity and more layers.

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.77

TA: 0.56 grams / 100ml

Blend: 97% Syrah
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Production: 1359 cases