



**2003 Sequel Syrah**  
Columbia Valley  
John Duval, Winemaker

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

**Tasting Notes:** Sequel's debut vintage is a deep, inky color with dark black fruit aromas and flavors throughout. A seductive wine with elegance and concentration, Sequel is notable for its generous, silky tannins and rich, supple mouth feel. Across the palate, the wine offers a mouth full of blackberries and black cherry flavors that echo on a long, stylish finish.

**Vintage:** The 2003 growing season was one of the Columbia Valley's warmest vintages on record with overall heat accumulation rivaling the high numbers posted in 1998. Temperatures were warm from June to August, allowing grapes to reach an exceptional level of physiological maturity while maintaining balanced sugars and acids. Wines from this vintage are big, rich and supple with extraordinary ripe fruit character – in short, a blockbuster year.

**Winemaking:** John Duval visited the vineyards throughout the 2003 growing season to oversee management of select blocks. Once at the winery, these carefully selected, hand-harvested grapes were fermented using a variety of methods best suited to the fruit. The wine was aged in small French (75%) and American (25%) oak barrels -- primarily new and some one-year-old -- for 17 months. Held in small lots from fermentation through aging, John selected the best wine of the vintage for the final blend.

**Vineyards:** The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region so by working with a varied selection of top Syrah vineyards, Sequel takes on added complexity. Yakima Valley's Boushey Vineyard (29%) gives the wine its elegance, density and complexity; the Wallula Vineyard (26%) in the Horse Heaven Hills combines with Red Mountain vineyards (24%) to add black fruit and richness; and a small amount of Walla Walla fruit adds roundness and suppleness.

**Alcohol:** 14.5%  
**pH:** 3.80  
**TA:** 0.47 grams/100ml  
**Blend:** 95% Syrah  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Release date:** September 2005  
**Production:** 700 cases