

RECENTLY TASTED RED



2012 Seppelt St Peters Grampians Shiraz This exceptional wine is blended from the St Peters, Imperial and Arrawatta vineyards. Spices and rose petals abound, and the palate is superbly long and fine. One of the best-ever from a classic line. (\$59.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.princewinestore.com.au/Product/tabid/60/500223/Seppelt-St-Peters-Shiraz-2012>

2013 Peter Lehmann VSV Hearnden Eden Valley Shiraz Powerful and rich, with licorice overtones. Despite the substantial fruit, this wine has a certain finesse imparted by fine, persistent tannins. (\$60.00) ★★★★★

2013 Peter Lehmann VSV Barossa Valley Shiraz Hugely rich, but fresh, showing plenty of regional character. The tannins are comparatively soft, and there's an attractive lick of oak. (\$60.00) ★★★★★

2012 Lowe Block 8 Organic Mudgee Shiraz Many wine enthusiasts, with some justification, link chunky, chewy reds to Mudgee. This one makes a statement for elegance. It's fresh, varietal and spicy, and the tannins are fine-grained. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2014 Paxton Quandong Farm McLaren Vale Shiraz A fresh, pristine shiraz with dark chocolate and spice overtones. Satisfying, supple and quite delicious. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

2013 Singlefile Frankland River Great Southern Shiraz A fresh mulberry/blackberry style with nicely integrated oak and fine tannins. It needs a few years to be at its best. (\$37.00) ★★★★★

2013 Jacob's Creek Double Barrel Barossa Shiraz This is an opulent, approachable shiraz with a layer of "sweet" oak. Some will love it. Others won't. (\$20.00) ★★★☆

2011 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm McLaren Vale Shiraz Dull and plummy, with plenty of tannin grip in an old fashioned style. Lacks depth. (\$65.00) ★☆

2013 Tarrawarra Reserve Pinot Noir The fresh red berry aromas and flavours are enhanced by a touch of whole bunch complexity. The oak is very well handled, and the palate is silky, finishing with lingering fine tannins. (\$70.00) ★★★

2013 Seppelt Drumborg Pinot Noir The 30% whole bunch component adds a slightly peppery touch to the vibrant cherry fruit. There's no shortage of flavour on the long, fine palate. (\$45.00) ★★★

2012 Yering Station Yarra Valley Pinot Noir A stylish raspberry-scented pinot noir with subtle secondary overtones. The palate is long and firm. Drinks well now, but will reward cellaring. (\$40.00) ★★★

2013 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir A beautifully fragrant Adelaide Hills pinot noir displaying an elegance not usually associated with the region. However, for all its "prettiness", it has excellent structure and length. (\$45.00) ★★★

2014 Riposte The Dagger Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir Tim Knappstein has created a niche with this flavoursome early drinking style. There's a hint of undergrowth complexity, but the fruit's the thing. It's all about satisfying flavour and drinkability. (\$20.00) ★★★☆

2013 Oakridge Willowlake Vineyard Yarra Valley Pinot Noir There's a hint of shitake mushroom to the fresh cherry nose and the palate is attractively silky, but tapers off slightly. (\$36.00) ★★★☆

2013 Yarraloch Yarra Valley Pinot Noir Quite fragrant, varietal and approachable. For Burgundy enthusiasts – think Savigny-les-Beaune. (\$30.00) ★★★☆

2012 Henschke Giles Lenswood Pinot Noir An uncomplicated perfumed cherry style of pinot which is fairly light and straightforward. (\$43.00) ★★★

2011 Kerrigan + Berry Mount Barker Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon This is a classic cabernet in every sense. The captivating blackcurrant aromas and flavours carry a hint of tobacco leaf. The palate is long and the structure reflects brilliant tannin management. (\$70.00) ★★★☆

2012 St Hugo Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Classic Coonawarra, with blackcurrant, tobacco and hints of mint. The fruit intensity and the fine, balanced tannins make a knockout palate. (\$35.00) ★★★☆

2012 Terre à Terre Wrattenbully Cabernet Sauvignon The impressive nose shows dark berry and blackcurrant, with secondary tobacco leaf and dried herbs. The palate is firm, but there's an abundance of fresh varietal flavour. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2006 Patina Orange Cabernet Sauvignon This wine has aged very well, showing Black Forest cake aromas together with herbal and tobacco varietal character. The palate is ripe and long, with very well handled tannins. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2013 Peter Lehmann VSV Ruediger Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Although there's a big dark berry impact, it's easy to see some varietal blackcurrant. The tannins are very well managed, imparting a firm, fine finish. (\$60.00) ★★★★★

2012 Hay Shed Hill Block 2 Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon There's plenty of blackcurrant and dried herb, with a touch of oak. The initial flavour is impressive, but it tapers off slightly. (\$55.00) ★★★★★☆

2013 Jacob's Creek Double Barrel Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon There's a hint of leaf to the ripe fruit nose, but the palate is a little clumsy, lacking fineness of structure, although the fruit intensity is more than adequate. (\$20.00) ★★★

2013 Cumulus Six Hundred Above Merlot This merlot from Orange, NSW hits the spot. It's rare among merlots because it's neither green, hard, solid nor chewy. It shows varietal plum together with Christmas pudding spice in an elegant medium-bodied style with a persistent, satisfying finish. (\$31.00) ★★★★★☆

2013 Smith & Hooper Wrattenbully Merlot Shows very fresh red fruits and plum together with positive herbal nuances. A very enjoyable medium-bodied drink. (\$15.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.nofrillswine.com.au/>

2013 Hay Shed Hill Margaret River Cabernet Franc This is a very good example of the variety. The raspberry overtones are enhanced by a hint of leaf, and the palate is long and fine, with a dry, savoury finish. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2014 Yalumba Barossa Valley Bush Vine Grenache Yalumba has created an almost unique style with this wine. It's a fresh, delicious, light-bodied red that reminds me as much of cru beaujolais as anything else, and is judged in that context. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2014 Kaesler Barossa Barbera D'anunda There's a hint of bramble to the ripe nose which is very much a part of varietal character. Although there's no denying the ripeness, the fine dry tannins provide balance for the richness of the fruit. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

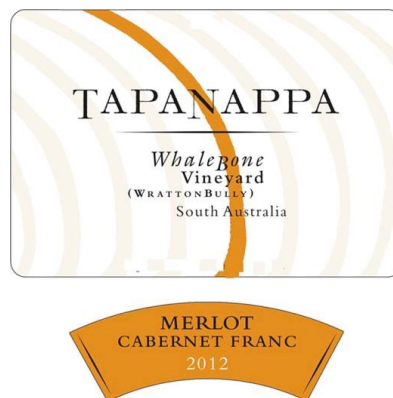
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2013 Sorrenberg Gamay A lively red with with a confection note to the raspberry-scented nose. The tannins and acid balance the attractive fruit very nicely. Another classy wine from this under-rated Beechworth producer. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2013 Angullong Fossil Hill Barbera This wine from Orange NSW shows raspberry varietal characteristics, and is an easy to drink medium-bodied style. (\$24.00) ★★★★★

2012 Sons Of Eden Selene Tempranillo Quite plummy, with tilled earth overtones. Firm and slightly rustic. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2013 Angullong Fossil Hill Sangiovese The fresh red fruits aromas and flavours have appeal, and there's a positive herbal-earthly note. The palate is on the light side. (\$24.00) ★★★★★



2012 Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Wrattenbully Merlot Cabernet Franc Wines like this don't come our way very often. Not only is it complex and fragrant, showing red fruits and dusty tobacco leaf aromas, it wraps its compelling flavours in the finest of tannins. Definitely one of the wines of the year. (\$79.00) Cork ★★★★★
<https://tapanappa.com.au/whalebone-vineyard/whalebone-vineyard-2012-merlot-cabernet-franc>

2012 Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz Complex cigar box overtones feature on a stunning nose, and the long red fruits palate is built on very fine tannins. Although the blend is truly Australian, the mouthfeel is French. (\$55.00) Cork ★★★★★

2014 Teusner Joshua Grenache Shiraz Mataro A beautifully made, fragrant red with no trace of grenache confection character. It's dry, long-flavoured and very elegant. Delicious. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.winestar.com.au/teusner-joshua-grenache-mataro-shiraz-2014>

2012 Hewitson Miss Harry Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre Carignan Cinsaut This is Côtes-du-Rhône through and through. It's fragrant, pleasantly earthy and just right for current drinking. (\$20.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.winestar.com.au/hewitson-miss-harry-grenache-shiraz-mourvedre-2012>

2013 Henschke Henry's Seven (Shiraz, grenache, mataro, viognier)

The vibrant nose reflects summer pudding, and the palate offers instant gratification. A most enjoyable drink. (\$27.00) ★★★★★

2012 Henschke Euphonium (Shiraz, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc)

This is an impressive blend showing red and blue fruits characteristics. The palate finishes long, framed by fine, persistent tannins. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2012 Jacob's Creek Double Barrel Limestone Coast Shiraz

Cabernet By far the best of the three Double Barrels. It's a very drinkable wine indeed – “juicy”, fruity and supple. This medium-bodied red with a dash of oak has a lot to offer. (\$20.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.vintagecellars.com.au>

2013 Penfolds Bin 138 Shiraz Grenache Mataro The striking colour heralds a vibrant, plummy nose and palate. The mouthfilling satisfaction of the wine is enhanced by firm, but friendly tannins. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

2013 West Cape Howe Hannah's Hill Cabernet Merlot Ripe and plummy, but simple, although it doesn't lack flavour. (\$20.00) ★★★

2013 Hay Shed Hill Margaret River Shiraz Tempranillo A fresh plum/licorice style which offers good current drinking. (\$18.00) ★★★

2013 Wirra Wirra Church Block McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot A simple dark berry style with balanced firmness.

Pleasant drinking now. (\$20.00) ★★★

2011 d'Arenberg The Ironstone Pressings McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre Very earthy. There's a little fruit, but the palate is short and hard. (\$65.00) ★★

20 Year Old Quinta do Villado Tawny Port If you love classic Portuguese tawny port, or want to try an excellent example, here's one for you. It's complex, with a hint of oloroso character and has been skilfully freshened. It's very elegant, and at the dry end, but there's just enough sweetness. (\$115.50/500 ml) ★★★★★

<https://www.danmurphys.com.au/>

2012 Corte Carista Chianti Classico The colour is slightly advanced, and the fruit shows a little maturity together with varietal bun spice character. It's an ok drink now for the price. From Aldi. (\$10.00) ★★★

2010 El Toro Macho Reserva Another Aldi special. It's quite a decent tempranillo with rich ripe berry and licorice overtones. (\$7.00) ★★★☆

2012 Bodega Piedra Negra Malbec Reserve A blueberry/mulberry Malbec which is fresh, fruity and nicely balanced. Simple but satisfying. From Aldi. (\$10.00) ★★★☆

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