

SHIRAZ

We return to Australia's premier red wine grape variety – and with good cause. Great examples keep arriving for tasting, and it would be seriously remiss of us not to share the joy with you. As usual, they hail from all over the place and offer style diversification on a large scale. Here they are.

2015 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills Shiraz Once again this time-proven shiraz rises to the top of a Winewise tasting. It has to be the best example yet – red, rather than black, berry aromas greatly enhanced by whiffs of whole bunch inputs and new oak. The palate is long and supremely fine - seamless really. Don't miss out. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.wineboxwarehouse.com.au/Red-Wine/Shiraz/Shaw-Smith-Shiraz-2015>

2014 John Duval Wines Eligo Barossa Shiraz (Cork) Although revelling in its richness and ripeness, this shiraz displays restraint, avoiding the downfall of big alcohol. The fresh varietal characteristics carry the French oak input comfortably, even though the oak is evident at this early stage. This is most definitely a wine to cellar for at least a decade. (\$120.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.johnduvalwines.com/pages/bakery/2014-eligo-shiraz-21.php>

2015 Warramunda Yarra Valley Syrah (Composite cork) What a knock-out perfume – rose petal, violets and a rack of dried spices. This is a delightful medium-bodied shiraz packed with red berry flavour balanced by fine tannins. (\$40.00) ★★★★★
<https://warramundaestate.com.au/product/warramunda-estate-syrah/>

2015 Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Shiraz Here we have wall to wall red berries and black pepper! Add to that opulence, length, and fine, firm tannins and you have an impressive cool climate shiraz. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
<http://rosshillwines.businesscatalyst.com/pinnacle-series>

2014 Tellurian Tranter Heathcote Shiraz We enjoyed the vibrant blackberry varietal character enhanced by just a hint of mint. The flavour is opulent, but not over-the-top ripe, and the fine tannins are beautifully integrated. One to cellar. (\$35.95) ★★★★★
<https://vinewine.com.au/shop-2/australian-wines/tellurian-tranter-shiraz-2014-heathcote/>

2015 John Duval Wines Entity Barossa Shiraz Barossa! Barossa! Barossa! Grapes picked at perfect ripeness. Tannins massaged to a seductive smoothness. A regional gem. (\$50.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.johnduvalwines.com/pages/bakery/2014-eligo-shiraz-21.php>

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2015 Catlin Adelaide Hills Red Shiraz The aromas lean to blackberry with some whole-bunch complex notes, and the long, silky palate boasts super-fine tannins. A stylish package. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.wineministry.com.au/products/catlin-red-shiraz-2015>

2011 Alkoomi Jarrah Frankland River Shiraz The blackberry-spice nose is impressively full of life, and the palate is powerfully persistent and well balanced. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2016 Ross Hill Jack's Lot Orange Shiraz The vibrant colour is certainly eye-catching, as is the nose of strawberries, raspberries and black pepper. The palate is medium-bodied, with very fine tannins. A delicious young red wine. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2015 Angullong Orange Shiraz The fragrant violets and black pepper bouquet has considerable appeal, and the restrained palate is balanced by fine tannins. A classy cool region style. (\$20.00) ★★★★★

2015 Shingleback Davey Estate Reserve McLaren Vale Shiraz A wine with a very fresh mulberry/spice/chocolate nose and a lively, accessible palate. It's not a huge McLaren Vale red, but it's long-flavoured and very well balanced. (\$23.50) ★★★★★

2015 St Mary's Wines Limestone Coast Shiraz (Cork) Classic Limestone Coast/Coonawarra – red and black berry, spice and mint, with a caress of oak and a line of regional acidity. It's enjoyable now but will age well. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2015 Jacob's Creek Limestone Coast Reserve Shiraz Very much blackberry pastille aromas with commendable freshness. The palate tapers slightly, but this is a very good drink for the price. (\$18.00) ★★★★★

2015 Wirra Wirra Woodhenge Basket Pressed McLaren Vale Shiraz Red and darker fruits with a hint of spice. A fresh, young, enjoyable red. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2015 Tellurian Redline Heathcote Shiraz This is a very accessible red, loaded up with ripe mulberries and gentle tannins. Just right for drinking now-2020. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

2016 Catlin The Harvester Clare Valley Shiraz A ripe blackberry style with typical Clare Valley mint. Flavour-packed, with slightly furry tannins. (\$20.00) ★★★★★

2015 Highland Heritage Orange Shiraz Peppery and spicy, but on the light side. (\$55.00) ★★★

Warm climate? Cool climate? In between? Shiraz is the royal red of Australian wine. No cellar is complete without some.

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