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OTHER RED BLENDS

We always enjoy this class because it's weighted towards juicy, very drinkable reds. The art of blending comes to the fore and some combinations of varieties show flair and imagination (just look at this year's winner).

2017 Ricca Terra Vintners Bullets Before Cannonballs (Nero d'Avola, Lagrein, Negroamaro & Tempranillo) This was a real hit with all the judges. It's juicy, spicy, savoury, balanced, with a real "drink me" appeal. ($135.00 for six bottles) ★★★★☆
https://riccaterrafarms.com.au/vintners/shop/ricca-terra-bullets-before-cannonballs/

2016 Shingleback Red Knot McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre A classic, fresh, example of a familiar McLaren Vale style. It's a delicious red, with very attractive grenache raspberry character. A bargain, but sold out. ($15.00) ★★★★☆

2016 Mandoon Estate Swan Valley Surveyors Red There's plenty of grenache flavour here too, in a big, rich and ripe, fresh, balanced red. Enjoy it now. ($24.00) ★★★★☆
https://shop.mandoonestate.com.au/reds/2016-surveyors-red

2016 Wolf Blass Wines Red Label Shiraz Grenache This wine offers remarkable value. It's true gold medal quality - bright, spicy and satisfying. Great work from one of our big producers, showing the same attention to detail as they do to Black Label. ($5.90 – yes, five ninety) ★★★★☆
https://www.bayfields.com.au/shop/red-wine/grenache/wolf-blass-red-shiraz-grenache-750ml/

2016 Brown Brothers Cellar Door Release Tempranillo Graciano Two classic Spanish varieties are brought together harmoniously here. It's a savoury, medium-bodied style that delivers the goods in all respects. ($24.90) ★★★★☆
https://www.brownbrothers.com.au/store/?page=1&wine_varietal%5B%5D=81

2016 Shingleback Local Heroes McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Red fruits, especially raspberry, show on the nose of this deliciously drinkable red. An excellent example of an Australian "Rhône" style. ($25.00) ★★★★☆
http://www.shingleback.com.au/products/shingleback/local-heroes-shiraz-grenache

2016 De Bortoli Villages Heathcote Shiraz Grenache A bright, rich, balanced, perfumed, savoury blend that shows the strengths of two grape varieties that are made for one another. ($18.00) ★★★★☆
http://www.winestar.com.au/de-bortoli-villages-shiraz-grenache-2016

2016 De Bortoli Windy Peak Shiraz Grenache A bright red fruits style that offers very pleasant drinking, but doesn't have quite enough fruit weight for a gold medal score. ★★★★

2016 Grampians Estate Grenache Shiraz Tempranillo Fresh and lively, but on the light side. ★★★☆

2016 Mount Majura Vineyard TSG Has good fruit but acidity is prominent on a very dry finish. ★★★☆

2016 Big Easy Radio Forget Babylon Touriga Malbec A solid, quite oaky dry red. ★★★☆

2016 Purple Hands Wines Mataro Grenache Shiraz Has adequate flavour, but isn't quite fresh enough. ★★★☆

2016 Grounded Cru McLaren Vale GSM Big, ripe and oaky. ★★☆

2016 Harcourt Valley Vineyards Grenache Shiraz Malbec Firm and dry, with an acid twist. ★★☆

2016 Shingleback Los Trios Bravos Tempranillo Monastrell Grenache Dull colour. Quite forward. ★★

2015 Water Wheel Primitivo/Ancellotta Dull. Very dry finish. ★★

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