

Championship 2018 Shiraz

Here's a stunning group of shiraz from a wide range of regions. When quality is so high, the decision-making process is difficult, but, in the end it was a contest between two wines. Neither have yet been released, so keep an eye on the market. You certainly won't be disappointed if you secure either or both. In the meantime there are many other splendid examples of shiraz in this feature.



Medallion Winner 2018 Tellurian Pistache Heathcote

Shiraz This is a particularly attractive shiraz with hints of violets and Rhône-like grilled meats in the bouquet. It's intense, long and supple, with beautifully integrated fine tannins. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Murdoch Hill The Landau Adelaide Hills Shiraz The fragrant, complex dark cherry aromas are utterly captivating. Subtle oak and stems input add beguiling complexity. A classic, perfectly balanced, medium-bodied shiraz. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Windance Estate Margaret River Shiraz The intense dark cherry aromas and flavours are enhanced by quality oak. This well structured, long-flavoured wine is an ideal cellaring proposition. (\$29.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.windance.com.au/products/2012-shiraz?variant=11178883521>

2018 Hungerford Hill Hunter Valley Shiraz This wine reflects a great Hunter red vintage. From the impressive spicy blackberry/dark cherry nose with a touch of classy oak to the long palate balanced by fine tannins, it's a stylish red wine worthy of cellaring. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

<https://hungerfordhill.com.au/product/hunter-valley-shiraz-2018/>

2018 Burrundulla Mudgee Shiraz The vibrant floral notes have considerable appeal, as do the spicy/herbal overtones. Very fine tannins balance a long medium-bodied palate. This is the most stylish Mudgee shiraz we've tasted in a long time. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

<https://burrundulla.com.au/products/2018-shiraz>

2018 Mount Avoca Estate Organic Old Vine Shiraz Strong purple colour. Fresh, brooding, powerful blackberry nose with some violet-like fragrance. A substantial but well balanced shiraz that will age well. (\$37.50) ★★★★★

<https://mountavoca.com/products/estate-2018-old-vine-shiraz>

2018 Shingleback Unedited McLaren Vale Shiraz This is a very powerful blackberry style of shiraz that shows the classic McLaren Vale characteristics. Gorgeous palate. Soft, fine tannins. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Sanguine Estate Progeny Heathcote Shiraz A delicious, spicy shiraz packed with honest, fresh, spicy red berry flavour. Fine tannins provide the desired structure. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<https://sanguinewines.com.au/shop/2018-progeny-shiraz/?v=3a1ed7090bfa>

2018 Tyrrell's Old Hillside Hunter Valley Shiraz A powerful, unevolved medium-bodied shiraz with impressive depth of red and dark berry flavour. The fine, firm tannin structure encourages cellaring. (Not available) ★★★★★

2018 Tellurian Redline Heathcote Shiraz A delightfully fragrant red berry style of shiraz with a complex grilled meats overtone. A supple, delicious dry red at a bargain price. (\$23.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.tellurianwines.com.au/wine/redline-shiraz-2018>

2018 Sholto Canberra District Syrah The floral dark cherry nose is enhanced by some stem-derived complexity. This is a delightful medium-bodied shiraz with a silky palate balanced by very fine tannins. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.sholtowines.com.au/product/sholto-shadows-syrah-2016/>

2018 Collector Marked Tree Canberra District Shiraz Very dark cherry aromas carry a rose petal fragrance. There are also touches of spice and grilled meats which add complexity. A fine, medium-bodied shiraz with persistent flavour. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Heifer Station Orange Region Shiraz An opulent, perfumed dark cherry/blackberry shiraz that is plush, supple and fine. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
<https://heiferstation.com/products/heifer-station-shiraz-v18-handpicked>

2018 Thomas The Dam Block Hunter Valley Shiraz The fresh ripe blackberry nose reflects this wine's origins, and the long, voluptuous palate with balanced firmness is particularly satisfying. A red that is well worth cellaring. (To be released on 2 May. The 2017 sold for \$45.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.thomaswines.com.au/product/2017-Dam-Block-Shiraz>

2018 Dandelion Vineyards Lion's Tooth of McLaren Vale Shiraz Riesling A rich, ripe dark berry style with just a little spiciness. It's a substantial, firm, well balanced shiraz that needs a few years to soften. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://dandelionvineyards.com.au/products/lions-tooth-of-mclaren-vale-shiraz-riesling-2018-draft?variant=29273097338952>

2018 Clyde Park Estate Geelong Shiraz The nose is vibrant, tending to red fruits with suggestions of oak and dried herbs. The opulent palate is balanced by fine, persistent tannins. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Gemtree Wines Uncut McLaren Vale Shiraz A delightfully rich, spicy dark cherry style of shiraz with considerable power. There's a touch of oak which enhances both the nose and the long, firm palate. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://gemtreewines.com/product/2018-uncut/>

2018 Tar & Roses The Rose Heathcote Shiraz A fragrant spicy dark cherry style that's fresh and ripe. The fine, firm tannins give the wine a pleasant savoury feel. (\$60.00) ★★★★★

2018 Pepper Tree Coquun Hunter Valley Shiraz This is a powerful blackberry/floral style showing classy oak. It's long, firm and balanced. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Tamburlaine Reserve Orange Syrah The intense, perfumed blackberry aromas compete with oak at the moment, but overall this is a very impressive firm wine of considerable intensity. Give it time. (\$44.00) ★★★★★

2018 Naked Run BWC Barossa Valley Shiraz Intense earthy dark berry aromas lead into a palate that is powerful, long and quite firm on the finish, with mouth-coating tannins slightly dominant. Needs time. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2018 Paringa Estate Peninsula Shiraz An attractive medium-bodied style showing bright red berry characteristics with faintly floral overtones and a subtle meaty complexity. It needs slightly more length. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2018 Hungerford Hill Fishcage Hilltops Shiraz This wine offers complex dark cherry characteristics with positive herbal input. The palate is fine and firm, needing a year or two to soften. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

2018 Bird in Hand Adelaide Hills Syrah The fresh, rich fresh blackberry aroma is attractive, and the palate is supple and delicious, although a little simple apart from a touch of oak. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2018 Yalumba Organic Shiraz Attractively floral dark cherry aromas introduce a balanced palate good length. This wine is most probably based on Riverland material, and acquitted itself well against opposition from far more illustrious origins. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

2018 Tamburlaine Hunter Valley Reserve Syrah The spicy dark cherry aromas are backed up by classy oak. A long palate is balanced by firm, fine tannins. Time required. (Not yet available) ★★★★★

2018 Clyde Park Single Block E Shiraz The dark berry perfume carries whiffs of mint, dried herbs and oak. A substantial wine that is still comparatively closed. ★★★★★

2018 Lerida Estate Cullerin Canberra District Syrah Fresh, but slightly light and oak-influenced. Just a little short on the finish. (\$38.00) ★★★★★

2018 Yalumba Hand Picked Shiraz Viognier A fresh, but simple style with fine tannins and adequate weight. ★★★★★

2018 Paxton McLaren Vale Shiraz A ripe blackberry-scented shiraz that is a little forward. The palate is packed with ripeness. ★★★★★

Thirty wines and not single poor one. Given that all thirty are gold medal winners, our show system seems to be in good health.

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