

Shiraz

Once again shiraz shows its versatility. Another positive to take from this line-up is that there isn't a bad wine in the whole thirty-one. However, the ★★★★★ and better wines show just how strong the shiraz varietal category is.



PEPPER TREE WINES

2019 Pepper Tree Tallawanta Single Heritage Vineyard Hunter Valley Shiraz A captivating amalgam of aromas make up a glorious nose. Red fruits, spices and violets all play a part. The palate is medium-bodied and of great length, balanced by very fine-grained tannins. A stunner. (\$130.00) Not yet released ★★★★★

2018 Hickinbotham Brooks Road McLaren Vale Shiraz The vibrant blackberry nose has its share of oak but carries it well. Although comparatively closed, the long, firm, intense palate has everything required for extended cellaring. (\$75.00) ★★★★★
<https://hickinbothamwines.com.au/wines>

2018 Yering Station Reserve Yarra Valley Shiraz Viognier Red berries, violets, spices and dried herbs are evident on a complex nose together with a touch of new oak. The velvety palate features fine, savoury tannins. (\$130.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.yering.com/products/26217-shiraz-viognier/>

2018 Pepper Tree The Gravels Wrattenbully Shiraz The mixed berry nose is greatly enhanced by a distinct spiciness and well integrated oak. The “juicy”, silky palate is a delight. A very classy medium-bodied style. (\$45.00) Not yet released ★★★★★

2019 Pepper Tree Coquun Hunter Valley Premium Shiraz Blend The punchy dark berry/gamy nose is a winner, and subtle oak does its bit. A supple, well crafted regional style with fine, persistent tannins. (\$90.00) Not yet released ★★★★★

2016 Bleasdale The Powder Monkey Langhorne Creek Shiraz The powerful dark berry nose carries a touch of toasty oak with ease. It's not a huge wine, but it certainly delivers in terms of length and balance. (\$79.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.bleasdale.com.au/wine/2016-powder-monkey-shiraz>

2018 Jo Nash Strathbogie Ranges Shiraz This is an appealingly spicy shiraz that is packed with red berry flavour. The opulent palate is balanced by fine tannins. Impressive. (\$38.00) ★★★★★
<https://mcpersonwines.com.au/product/jo-nash-shiraz-2018/>

2018 Zonte's Footstep The Chocolate Factory McLaren Vale Shiraz This beautifully proportioned shiraz certainly lives up to its name, and the plush, vibrant palate is a delight. (\$27.50) ★★★★★
<https://zontesfootstep.com.au/chocolate-factory-mclaren-vale-shiraz-2018/>

2019 Seppelt Hundredweight Hill Heathcote Shiraz This is a beautifully made wine at an amazingly low price. There's more than a little northern Rhône character to the nose – dark cherries, spices, grilled meats. Silky tannins balance an utterly delicious palate. (\$12.99 Aldi Stores only) ★★★★★

2018 Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Shiraz A ripe blackberry style with plenty of flavour. The tannins are just a little furry. (\$33.00) ★★★★★

2018 Bleasdale Generations Langhorne Creek Shiraz The flowery red berry aromas are pleasing, and are enhanced by just a hint of oak. The fine tannins balance the medium-bodied palate. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2018 Zonte's Footstep The Lake Doctor Langhorne Creek Shiraz Floral overtones lift the red fruits aromatics. The palate is satisfying and fresh, balanced by fine tannins. (\$27.50) ★★★★★

2018 Zonte's Footstep Baron Von Nemesis Barossa Valley Shiraz Fragrant and surprisingly spicy, showing a whiff of oak. This is a firm, fresh wine with good fruit weight. It needs time. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2018 Blue Pyrenees Estate Richardson Shiraz The red and dark berry fruit is impacted by hints of eucalypt. The palate is firm, fresh, long and powerful, with puckering but fine tannins. Give it 5+ years to begin to soften. DIAM cork (\$72.00) ★★★★★

2018 Mr Riggs Idle Lane McLaren Vale Shiraz This is an elegant McLaren Vale shiraz with mulberry/spice overtones. It's fine and firm, with good length and a fresh acid lift on the finish. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2017 Blue Pyrenees Estate Shiraz Dark berry and eucalypt/ bay leaf aromas show on a fresh nose. The palate is well rounded and approachable. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2019 Pepper Tree Red Hill Limited Release Hunter Valley Shiraz The fresh red berry nose shows a hint of regional tilled earth. This is a good example of medium-bodied Hunter shiraz. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2018 West Cape Howe Frankland River Shiraz A vibrant dark berry/spice style with firm, balanced tannins. It needs two or three years to soften a little. Good value. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

2014 Tim Adams Schaefer Clare Valley Shiraz A fresh blackberry-scented shiraz with a hint of mint. The opulent palate delivers generous flavour backed up by fairly firm tannins. It needs a little time. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2018 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills Shiraz The dark cherry, plum and spice aromas are attention-grabbers. There's enough flavour intensity, backed by savoury tannins. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2019 Soumah Hexham Vineyard Yarra Valley Shiraz The dark berry and spice aromas are quite seductive, leading to a long palate that is acid-fresh, balanced by fine tannins. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2016 Rusty Mutt Original McLaren Vale Shiraz The rich blackberry nose is typical of McLaren Vale, but the palate doesn't have quite the expected depth. (\$32.40) ★★★★☆

2018 Berton Vineyard Reserve Barossa Valley Shiraz The plum tart nose is quite attractive, and the palate offers good initial flavour and balanced tannins, but tapers off. (\$20.00) ★★★★☆

2018 Pitchfork Margaret River Shiraz A pleasant fresh mulberry style with a faint spiciness. It's well balanced and drinkable now. (\$16.00) ★★★★☆

2017 Pepper Tree Cool Climates (Orange-Wrattonbully) Shiraz A delicate, spicy shiraz with fine, savoury tannins. Easy to drink. (\$20.00) ★★★★☆

2019 Berton Vineyard The Black Shiraz A very fresh shiraz in the red berry spectrum of aromas and flavours. It's a most enjoyable luncheon drink. (\$13.00) ★★★★☆

2017 Longview The Piece Adelaide Hills Shiraz Although the spicy, red berry aromas are attractive, the palate is on the light side. (\$90.00) ★★★★☆

2018 Don't Tell Gary Victoria Shiraz A fresh, spicy, clear-cut varietal wine that is easy to drink. (\$24.00) ★★★★☆

2016 Gartelmann Diedrich Orange Region Shiraz The red berry aromas have some oak support. The palate is surprisingly full-bodied, with a little heat on the finish. (\$50.00) ★★★

2019 Angullong Orange Region Shiraz A supple ripe berry shiraz with a slightly reductive nose. (\$22.00) ★★★

2017 Gartelmann Wilhelm Hunter Valley Shiraz A bright red berry shiraz that is slightly light, showing its acid on the finish. (\$28.00) ★★★

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