

## Championship Shiraz

Once again we see proof of the versatility of shiraz. All of these wines are worthy of your attention, and they represent over ten different regions. The whole spectrum of styles is covered, and there's great value to be found. What more do you want?



**2023 Eden Road The Long Road Shiraz (Canberra, Gundagai, Hilltops)** The vibrant, spicy red fruits nose reminded the judges of the perfumed reds of the Northern Rhône. A lovely medium-bodied style, in which fine tannins form a key part of a long-flavoured palate. This is a stylish bargain. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

<https://edenroadwines.com.au/products/2023-the-long-road-shiraz-1>



**2022 Sons of Eden Zephyrus Barossa Shiraz** A fresh, ripe blackberry style with hints of forest floor complexity. A faintly toasty oak component merges beautifully with the intense fruit and firm, lingering tannins. (\$48.00) ★★★★★

<https://sonsofeden.com/wine/2022-zephyrus-barossa-shiraz/>

**2022 Mercer Wines Limited Release Shiraz** The dark berry and plum aromas are enticing, enhanced by a hint of spiciness. The powerful, lingering fruit is perfectly supported by the tannin structure and acid balance. (Sold out) ★★★★★  
<https://mercerwines.com.au/>

**2023 Fowles Wines Stone Dwellers Shiraz** The spiciness of this wine is very appealing. The plummy, dark berry fruit finishes long on the palate, supported by balanced oak. (Not yet released) ★★★★★  
<https://www.fowleswine.com/>

**2022 Kaesler Wines The Bogan Barossa Valley Shiraz** In terms of personality, this wine lives up to its name, but it certainly isn't crude. It's very much full-on, showing plenty of dark plum and blackberry fruit. The tannins are firm, but balanced, and there's a lick of toasty oak for good measure. (\$60.00) ★★★★★  
<https://kaesler.com.au/product/2022-kaesler-the-bogan-shiraz/>

**2021 Jacob's Creek Survivor Vines Barossa Valley Shiraz** Dark fruits aromas combine beautifully with those of "sweet" oak. A very impressive regional style of considerable intensity. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

**2023 Hamelin Bay Wines Reserve Margaret River Shiraz** Fresh dark berry/chocolate aromas with the faintest hint of mint. The opulent palate shows some classy French oak at this early stage, but everything is in balance. Another success for Hamelin Bay. (\$60.00) ★★★★★  
<https://hbwines.com.au/product/2023-reserve-shiraz>

**2023 Eden Road Canberra Shiraz** A spicy, elegant "Rhône" red fruits and black pepper shiraz with fine tannins and impeccable balance. (\$42.00) ★★★★★  
<https://edenroadwines.com.au/products/2023-canberra-shiraz-1>

**2023 Hamelin Bay Wines Margaret River Shiraz** Intense vibrant dark fruits in a mouth-filling, well balanced regional expression of shiraz. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

**2023 Sanguine Estate Progeny Heathcote Shiraz** Powerful dark berry aroma and flavour with hints of spiciness. Intense, firm and well balanced. Our records show that the Progeny offers consistent high quality and outstanding value for money, year in, year out. (\$23.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.nicks.com.au/products/2023-sanguine-estate-progeny-shiraz>

**2022 Pepperjack Rare Find Barossa Valley Shiraz** Vibrant ripe dark berries with notes of licorice and chocolate. A full flavoured shiraz with lashings of cigar box oak. (\$50.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.saltramwines.com.au/en-au/pepperjack-the-rare-find-shiraz-2022-gift-box-8094455.html>

**2023 Sanguine Estate Kindred Heathcote Shiraz** Fresh dark berry aroma with a touch of reduction complexity. Excellent fruit weight balanced by appropriate tannin firmness. (Not available) ★★★★★

**2022 Nikola Estate Regional Frankland River Shiraz** The powerful dark berry nose shows hints of licorice and toasty oak. Although quite firm, the palate is long and satisfying. Definitely needs a few years in bottle. (\$60.00) ★★★★★  
<https://nikolaestate.com.au/products>

**2023 Smallwater Estate Geographe Shiraz** A perfumed red berry style that's fresh and accessible. The generous flavour is supported by soft, fine tannins. (Not yet available) ★★★★★  
<https://www.smallwaterestate.com/wines>

**2023 Paringa Estate Peninsula Shiraz** The vibrant, spicy red fruits nose is a real winner. This is an excellent medium-bodied style that offers very enjoyable early drinking. (Not yet available) ★★★★★  
<https://paringaestate.com.au/our-wines-shop/>

**2022 Longview Vineyard Macclesfield Adelaide Hills Syrah** Vibrant mixed berry characteristics with some spiciness. A delicious, beautifully balanced, medium-bodied red. (\$47.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/product#/2022-macclesfield-syrah>

**2022 Longview Vineyards Yakka Adelaide Hills Shiraz** Fresh spicy red berry aromas and flavours. Fine, balanced tannins and a long, fruit-driven finish. (\$32.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/product#/2022-yakka-shiraz>

**2023 Tellurian EVO Heathcote Shiraz** Attractive spicy red berry nose and palate in a firm, but balanced medium-bodied style. (\$27.00) ★★★★★  
<https://cloudwine.com.au/>

Next we'll look at the "alternate" white classes to see if the progress we noted last year has been maintained. Unlike shiraz, which has been in the ground in Australia for over 150 years, many "new" varieties are still finding places to call home.

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