

Australian Shiraz at its Best

I've often remarked on how adaptable shiraz is. It thrives in many different environments, and produces wines of high quality – from the warmth of the north to the coolness of the far south. It also embraces a wide variety of oak regimes and winemaking methods. Cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir are simply not as adaptable. Here are ten wines that speak for the versatility of shiraz.

2024 Sapling Yard Canberra District Shiraz Viognier The spicy red berry aromas carry a pronounced viognier perfume and an appealing oak contribution. A delightful medium-bodied Canberra District shiraz with fine, persistent tannins. (\$42.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.saplingyard.com.au/shop/p/2024-shiraz-viognier>

2024 Quiet Mutiny Venus Rising Tasmania Syrah The fresh, spicy dark cherry nose carries captivating floral notes and a positive hint of reduction. This is a complex, silky shiraz reflecting perfectly ripe grapes grown in a cool environment. (\$58.00)
★★★★★
<https://quietmutiny.wine/products/2024-syrah>

2024 Paringa Estate The Paringa Mornington Peninsula Shiraz The spicy perfumed red berry nose is an attention-grabber, and a hint of reductive funkiness adds complexity. A long, fine, firm, delicious wine that is true to its origin. (\$80.00)
★★★★☆
<https://paringaestate.com.au/product/paringa-the-paringa-shiraz/>

2024 Mollydooker Wines Don't Tell Mum McLaren Vale Shiraz The enticing perfume reflects fresh, ripe fruit. This is an opulent young wine with flavours of chocolate, dark fruits and vanilla. It's so drinkable now. (\$20.00) ★★★★★
<https://donttellmumwines.com.au/shop-wines/red/>

2024 Thomas Wines Elenay Hunter Valley Shiraz The fresh red berry nose carries an appealing lick of oak comfortably. This is a very classy medium-bodied shiraz that will age well. (\$70.00)

★★★★☆

<https://www.thomaswines.com.au/products/2024-elenay-shiraz>

2023 Sanguine Estate Progeny Heathcote Shiraz The berry/spice nose is typical of the region, and introduces a persistent, fresh palate that is firm and balanced. We've often declared the Sanguine Estate progeny to be one of the best value reds in Australia, and we stand by that assessment. (This wine has sold out at the winery and all the retail outlets we checked. We're glad the demand is so strong.) ★★★★★

<https://www.sanguinewines.com.au/?v=3a1ed7090bfa>

2023 Battle of Bosworth McLaren Vale Shiraz The bright deep colour provides a window into this wine.. It's a vibrant, powerful red berry style with attractive oak and a long, fine palate that's bursting with energy. Great value for money. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

<https://bosworthwines.com.au/product/battle-of-bosworth-shiraz/>

2022 Aldi Freya & Jules Clare Valley Shiraz Aldi again! Isn't it amazing what blind tastings reveal? The intense dark berry fragrance engages happily with a suggestion of mint. This is a wine of excellent fruit weight and a firm, but balanced, structure.

It's a steal!. (\$13.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.aldi.com.au/>

2021 Precious Little Marananga Shiraz Fresh red berry and dark plum aromas. A wine that is full of life, satisfying and well balanced. Classic Barossa in style. (No longer available) ★★★★★

<https://www.preciouslittlewine.com.au/>

2019 Yalumba The Octavius Barossa Shiraz This wine offers excellent dark berry and chocolate varietal fruit showing positive bottle age and cigar box oak. The palate is long and fine. (\$165.00)

★★★★☆

<https://www.yalumba.com/the-octavius-shiraz-wooden-box-2019/YALOC196WB.html>

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