

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Australian Reds

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
HENSCHKE Hill of Grace Eden Valley 2005 Tremendously seductive, this is a towering masterpiece of gorgeous flavors, supple texture and pinpoint balance. Shiraz.	98	\$550
PENFOLDS Shiraz South Australia Grange 2004 Delivers a full-throated chorus of currant, plum, blackberry and spice. Beautifully structured, expressive and long.	98	\$450
HOBBS Shiraz Barossa 2005 This makes a big statement, offering a cascade of rich, meaty blackberry, licorice, pepper and cardamom. Remains graceful.	96	\$135
ELDERTON Ode To Lorraine Barossa 2005 Rich, focused and superbly concentrated to show off its black cherry, plum and blueberry flavors. Cabernet blend.	95	\$53
HENSCHKE Shiraz Barossa Tappa Pass Vineyard Selection 2006 Focused and distinctive for its supple texture and play of flavors, with raspberry, red cherry, blackberry, mint and cream.	95	\$75
TREVOR JONES Shiraz Barossa Wild Witch Dry Grown Reserve 2005 Smooth, polished, ripe and generous with its cherry, plum, currant and spice flavors. Seamless and seductive.	95	\$70
PENFOLDS Shiraz South Australia St. Henri 2005 Complex and silky, with blackberry, currant and plum fruit against a background of toast, spice, mineral and loamy earth.	95	\$65
TWO HANDS Ares Barossa Valley-McLaren Vale 2007 Big and brawny, with a dense core of fresh blueberry, currant, raspberry and dusky spice flavors. Shiraz.	95	\$225
ELDERTON Shiraz Barossa Command Single Vineyard 2004 Supple, silky and appealing for its cherry pie, cherry jam and dusky spice aromas and flavors. A lithe, focused, ageable red.	94	\$99
ELDERTON Shiraz Barossa Command Single Vineyard 2005 Firm, with beautifully poised blackberry, licorice and pepper flavors that seem to hover weightlessly over fine tannins.	94	\$99
FIRST DROP Shiraz Barossa Valley Fat Of The Land Greenock 2006 A big, raw-boned style delivers bold blackberry, cherry and saffras flavors that persist on the supple and powerful finish.	94	\$80
SCHILD Shiraz Barossa Valley Moorooroo 2005 This round red has a deft balance that allows the ripe cherry and tobacco flavors to ride easily over polished tannins.	94	\$85
TWO HANDS Shiraz Barossa Valley Bella's Garden 2007 Ripe, fleshy and generous, but not over the top, with gorgeous cherry, pomegranate, black olive and bay leaf flavors.	94	\$60

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
SCHILD Shiraz Barossa 2007 Polished and generous, offering a racy mouthful of tobacco-accented cherry and black currant fruit. Amazing depth.	92	\$20

TOP VALUES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
PETER LEHMANN Shiraz Barossa 2006 Ripe and round, this is generous with its smoky cherry and black currant flavors, persisting against mildly grippy tannins.	91	\$16
SHOOFLY Shiraz Adelaide 2007 Polished and plush, with cinnamon and citrus peel-accented plum and cherry flavors, hinting at roasted meat on the finish.	91	\$14
YERING STATION Shiraz-Viognier Yarra Valley 2006 Delivers focused, mouthwatering berry and spice flavors that ride on firm tannins and a medium-weight frame.	91	\$18
D'ARENBERG Shiraz McLaren Vale The Stump Jump 2008 Ripe and open-textured, with cherry, blackberry and raspberry flavors. This keeps its foot on the gas until the very end.	90	\$11
NINE STONES Shiraz Hilltops 2007 This shows a minerally edge to its blackberry and cardamom flavors, remaining open and inviting through the long finish.	90	\$14
GREG NORMAN ESTATES Shiraz-Cabernet Limestone Coast 2007 Bright, focused and tangy, with currant and blueberry flavors shaded with mineral and tobacco on the refined finish.	90	\$15
YALUMBA Grenache Barossa Bush Vine 2008 There's an appealing focus to the raspberry, red cherry and rhubarb fruit, sailing over the polished texture of the finish.	90	\$17
BILLYROCK STATION Shiraz South Eastern Australia Limited Release Selection 2006 Delivers a harmonious mouthful of ripe cherry, raspberry and cola flavors that linger effortlessly.	89	\$9
FIRST DROP The Red One South Australia 2008 Polished and refined, offering an easy-drinking mouthful of cherry, raspberry and white pepper flavors. Cabernet blend.	89	\$10
JACOB'S CREEK Cabernet Sauvignon South Australia Reserve 2006 Polished, elegant and nicely focused to show off its lovely cherry, mulberry and white tea flavors.	89	\$12
D'ARENBERG The Stump Jump South Australia 2007 Soft and open-textured, with plum and spice flavors that linger on the juicy finish. Grenache blend.	88	\$11
R WINES Cabernet South Australia Darby & Joan 2008 Smooth and round, playing its ripe cherry and currant fruit against smoky, tarry, vegetal flavors that mingle on the finish.	88	\$10
WYNDHAM ESTATE Shiraz South Eastern Australia Bin 555 2005 This is generous with its savory blueberry and dark plum flavors, which linger as the finish becomes more expressive.	88	\$9
THE LITTLE PENGUIN Merlot South Eastern Australia 2008 Smooth and easy-drinking, with a savory edge to the cherry flavors, finishing with polished texture.	87	\$7
ALICE WHITE Cabernet Sauvignon South Eastern Australia 2008 This velvety red shows pretty guava overtones to its berry and spice flavors, lingering easily.	87	\$8