

CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN BLEND

Outstanding



2004 Shaw Vineyard Estate Cabernet Shiraz This is a beautifully made Canberra district wine in which the vibrancy of the fruit has been extremely well preserved. The flavours are in the mulberry-blackcurrant range, and the tannins are perfectly integrated. Drinks well now, but will cellar. (\$22.00) *Excellent Value*
14.0% Screwcap GOLD

Highly Recommended

2006 Longview Vineyard Red Bucket Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Like several of the wines in this class, the Longview represents amazingly good value. The bright, plush red berry fruit has peppery notes and is enhanced by a touch of toasty oak. Great drinking. (\$16.00) *Excellent Value*
Screwcap GOLD

2005 Were Estate Shiraz Cabernet Another fresh young red. This one (from Margaret River) shows red berry and dark cherry fruit with a faint herbal edge. The palate is satisfyingly long, balanced by very fine, dry tannins. (\$17.00) *Excellent Value*
14.0% Screwcap GOLD

2004 Murdock The Merger Very dense and intense dark berry fruit overlain by fairly obvious oak. Classy but definitely needs time. (\$19.00) *Excellent Value*
15.0% Screwcap SILVER

2004 Oliver's Taranga Vineyards Corrina's Cabernet Shiraz Decidedly big and ripe, with quite strong oak. Not subtle but will appeal to many who enjoy substantial reds. (\$30.00)
14.5% Screwcap SILVER

2006 Bellbrae Estate Longboard Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Very lively and youthful, showing vibrant dark cherry aromas and flavours. Just a little herbal, and drops away slightly on the finish. (\$19.00) *Excellent Value*
14.0% Screwcap SILVER

Recommended

2001 Diggers Bluff Watch Dog Cabernet Shiraz SILVER
2002 Belalie Bend Connection Shiraz Cabernet SILVER
2004 Witchmount Estate Scarlet Shiraz Cabernet SILVER
2004 Passing Clouds Graeme's Blend Shiraz Cabernet SILVER
2005 Anvers Razorback Road
2005 Oliver's Taranga Vineyards Corrina's Shiraz Cabernet

Agreeable

2005 Whiskey Gully Wines Rep Red
2005 Rosenthal Shiraz Cabernet
2004 The Wine & Truffle Co. Icon Series Shiraz Cabernet
2003 Gentle Annie Wines Central Victoria Shiraz Cabernet
2005 Gralyn Estate Cabernet Shiraz

Acceptable

2006 Ernest Schuetz Fernandez & Schuetz Mudgee Shiraz Cabernet
2004 Symphony Hill Wines Danying Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon
2005 Ernest Schuetz Mudgee Single Vineyard Reserve Shiraz Cabernet
2005 Henty Estate Shiraz Cabernet

Rating Scale

Outstanding Exceptional by any standard - a world class wine.

Highly Recommended A very fine wine which is a faultless example of the style.

Recommended Has no faults and offers most enjoyable drinking.

Agreeable Lacks intensity, or may have minor blemishes, but is still a pleasant drink.

Acceptable Decidedly run of the mill, and/or obviously deficient in some way or other.

Unacceptable A wine that in our view provides no drinking pleasure.

“RHÔNE” BLENDS

Outstanding

2005 B3 Wines Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre This is a gorgeously glugable red which is packed with sweet, vibrant fruit. The tannins provide ideal support but are soft enough to encourage immediate drinking. (\$18.00) *Excellent Value*
14.0% Screwcap GOLD

Highly Recommended

2006 Hentley Farm Fools Bay Grenache Dirty Bliss There's excellent depth of fruit here, and the red berry characteristics are lifted by spicy notes. Delicious and already attractively complex. (\$18.00) *Excellent Value*
14.5% Screwcap GOLD

2004 Murray Street The Barossa Very richly flavoured and nicely textured, showing abundant, lively sweet fruit. A little heat on the finish kept it out of first spot. (\$20.00) *Excellent Value*
15.4% Screwcap GOLD

2006 Gilligan McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre Dense and concentrated, with vibrant mouthfilling fruit. Some alcohol heat was noted but forgiven in this case. If you like fragrant, delicate reds, this is not for you. (\$20.00) *Excellent Value*
16.5% Screwcap GOLD

Recommended

2004 Kurtz Family Vineyards Boundary Row GSM SILVER
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2004 Hugo McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz
2005 Hentley Farm Grenache Shiraz Zinfandel

Agreeable

2005 Marius Symposium McLaren Vale Shiraz Mourvèdre
2006 Hentley Farm The Stray Mongrel
2005 Burge Family Winemakers Olive Hill Shiraz Mourvèdre Grenache
2004 Mt Billy Harmony Shiraz Mataro Grenache

Acceptable

2006 Valhalla Wines Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre
2005 La Curio The Nubile Grenache Shiraz
2006 Kalleske Clarry's Barossa Red (Grenache Shiraz)
2006 Cape Barren Native Goose GSM
2005 Brini Estate Grenache Shiraz
2006 Hugo McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz NV RBJ Vox Populi
2005 Te aro Estate Two Charlies GSM
2005 Diggers Bluff Stray Dog Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre

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2005 Five Oaks Yarra Valley Cabernet Merlot
2006 Windows Margaret River Cabernet Merlot
2004 Sandstone Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot
2002 Highbank Coonawarra Red Blend
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2005 Wombat Lodge Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot
2003 Highbank Coonawarra Red Blend C
2004 Long Gully Estate Cattleyard Cabernet Merlot
2005 Goona Warra Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc
2005 Elmswood Estate Cabernet Merlot
2004 Merops Ornatus
2005 Seven Ochres Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Merlot

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2006 Wagga Wagga Winery Touriga
2004 Oak Works Sangiovese Nebbiolo NV RBJ Vox Populi
2004 Kabminye Schliebs Block
2005 Haan Hanenhof Merlot Cabernet Franc