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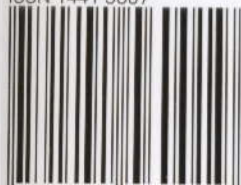
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Bimbadgen MCA Art Series VII Hunter Valley Orange Shiraz Viognier 2006 ★★★★★1/2

An exceedingly inviting, more-ish, well-made wine with aromas of licorice allsorts and violets and showing lovely oak complexity. Very persistent cherry berry flavours supported by vanillin oak. 3-5 \$25

Vinaceous Red Right Hand McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache Tempranillo 2006 ★★★★★

Very approachable, savoury style. "A perfect nose," suggested one judge - complex, spicy, sweet and leathery - leading on to a Rhone-like palate. \$25

Mr Riggs Adelaide Shiraz Viognier 2006 ★★★★★

Solid licorice aromas - intense and concentrated and a bit leathery. The palate is minty, peppery and ripe. "A really good wine," noted one judge. 3-5 \$27 CD

Mt Billy Circe Southern Fleurieu Shiraz Viognier 2006 ★★★★★

A very solid, robust style with deep, brooding, dark coffee and briary aromas and a soft and complex palate with a delightful apricot-like lift. \$28.75

shiraz
2007/2006
\$25-\$30

McGuigan The Shortlist Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

A wonderfully rich, robust, fruit cake-style shiraz. The nose smells of smoky oak, espresso coffee and dark chocolate. Long, well-balanced palate - very solid, with subtle oakiness. Time is all it needs. 5+ \$26



Windance Margaret River Shiraz 2007 ★★★★★

Lively, youthful, dense purple/black wine that's a mere pup! Cherries, plums and raspberries leap out of the glass and the palate is firm and flavoursome, big and tannic. A keeper. 5+ \$25

Guichen Bay Vineyards Reserve Mount Benson Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

Beautifully dense, ruby red wine with intense aromas - smelling of plums, cloves, sweet mocha and nutmeg - and leading on to a hot, spicy nutmeg palate that has plenty of length and great structure. 5+ \$27



Nashwauk McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

A beautiful wine that is full of fragrant blackberry aromas gently underscored with subtle oak. Very sweet and robust, licorice-like palate that has great finesse. 3-5 \$25



Heathcote Winery Mail Coach Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Deep purple/red wine with a big, ripe, minty nose with lovely rhubarb-like complexity. The palate is full of flavour - lots of mocha and very ripe sweet fruit. Good tannin length. 3-5 \$28

Oliver's Taranga Vineyards McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

Hugely powerful, fruit-driven wine. Very traditional style with its robust plum pudding aromas and big, sweet oak/ripe fruit palate with slight aged notes appearing. A very good wine with a long life. 5+ \$28

Whistler Wines Barossa Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Smells of dark fruits, chocolate, licorice and prunes, with a bag of spices thrown in. Plenty of spicy plum pudding flavours on the big, fleshy and well-structured palate. 5+ \$27



Pirathon by Kalleske Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

The nose is a mix of sweet plum fruit and vanillin oak, with crushed ant characters adding complexity. Pleasant, syrupy palate full of blackberry flavours. More time. 5+ \$25



Harrington Glen Estate Granite Belt Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Lovely rich, meaty aromas with raspberries peeking through the leathery notes. Big, robust palate - plenty of length and filled with black fruit and licorice flavours. Will develop well. 3-5 \$25

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Woodside Valley Estate Bonnefoy Margaret River Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★

Lifted, perfumed nose with nicely combined spicy oak and fruit and an elegant, silky-smooth palate with long, lingering flavours. Quite firm. \$50

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Clayfield Grampians Shiraz 2004 ★★★★★

Lovely spicy, mulberry aromas - very vibrant. Impressive palate; still very youthful, showing a degree of elegance and with long, lingering, lively, spicy flavours and a silky-smooth mouthfeel. \$65



Kaesler Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Very fragrant, aromatic nose with beautiful varietal fruit expression. Ditto for the palate with its bright and intense flavours warming the mouth and lingering into a long, oaky finish. \$60

Chapel Hill The Vicar McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Strong, peppery characters on the nose, with some nice toasty notes. The dense palate has complexity, structure and texture; it's very closed for now but has all the elements to age well. \$60



Trevor Jones Wild Witch Reserve Dry Grown Barossa Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★1/2

Lots of intense, oaky, mocha-like aromas. Powerful palate packed full of fabulous flavours with excellent silky texture. Oak dominates now but very good potential here; needs 5-10 more years! \$60

Hartley Estate Hannah's Hill Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★

Big, fat, alcoholic blockbuster with a huge hit of ripe berry aromas and flavours; a touch rained and slightly jammy but very nice. \$65



d'Arenberg The Dead Arm McLaren Vale Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★

Slightly feral characters to the nose and a lovely savoury palate layered with flavour. Excellent potential for future drinking but for now it's a mere callow youth. \$60



Warrenmang Estate Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★

Complex and very lifted, perfumed nose with very good oak behind it. Youthful but very 'serious' palate with lovely silky mouthfeel. Very pleasing and reminiscent of a Northern Rhone style. More time, please! \$60



Wicks Estate Eminence Adelaide Hills Shiraz Cabernet 2005 ★★★★★

Vivid purple wine that's both complex and restrained and quite savoury. Very European in style, with a lovely hit of fruit nicely overlaid by the oak and supported by grainy tannins. Still tight; needs time. \$60



Wanted Man WM Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★1/2

Very fragrant and gamey on the nose, with a peppery, herbal lift and some tangy fruit lurking beneath. Silky-smooth palate with some really good, slightly tart, fruit and drying tannins. \$65



Heathvale William Heath Eden Valley Shiraz 2005 ★★★★★1/2

Developing oaky aromas and a forward palate but has excellent, almost lolly-like, blackcurrant flavours that are silky-smooth in the mouth. A bit oaky for now but give it time. \$60

Wirra Wirra RSW McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

Very youthful, tight, juicy wine - perhaps a little hot. Quite a bit of oak but there's also plenty of fleshy mulberry fruit with firm tannins and a long finish. \$60

Chateau Tanunda The Chateau 100 Year Old Vines Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

Huge, super-ripe style - very oaky but has great presence and also loads of very good fruit. Dense, intense and needs lots of time in the cellar. \$65

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\$70-\$80

The Old Faithful Cafe Block McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006 ★★★★★

Described as a very 'serious' wine by one judge, this has a dense, inky nose, slightly closed at the moment, and a well-structured, complex palate, tight and bright with good fruit. Has the potential to be excellent. \$75