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AUSTRALIAN REDS

95 ★★★★★

2006 Longview Yakka Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, A\$35

A wonderfully vibrant, smooth, sweet-fruited shiraz with delicious flavours of mixed spices and red berries; almost luscious but also restrained and elegant. It's released rather young and is still a bit raw, but it's very seductive. 12+



93 ★★★★★

2004 Lindemans St George Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, A\$55

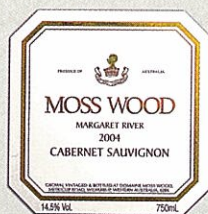
With traditional Coonawarra elegance, this is an approachable wine with no excess of alcohol, tannins or overripeness. With ripe berry, vanilla and chocolate aromas, and supple tannins, this will build further complexity. 2-20



95 ★★★★★

2004 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, A\$110/NZ\$130

A big, brawling infant wine which is rich in ripe cassis fruit and biscuity, caramel oak which all needs time to come together properly. Excellent ripeness; muscular and powerful but also elegant. Outstanding potential. 2-20



93 ★★★★★

2005 Maverick Trial Hill Shiraz, Eden Valley, A\$50

A new label from Tokyo-based Ron Brown. It's a big, gutsy sweet plum shiraz with more ripe blackberry fruit and structure than usual in Eden Valley. Very concentrated, slightly raisiny, with rustic tannins more than balanced by generously fleshy flavour. 12+



94 ★★★★★

2001 Houghton Jack Mann Cabernet Sauvignon, Frankland River, A\$100

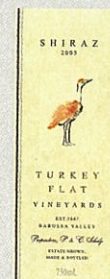
A most impressive, statuesque red wine. The deep purple colour is amazing for a wine nearing seven years of age. Great concentration; richly packed with blackberry and vanilla, new oak and ripe cabernet flavours. Not at all herbal. 10



93 ★★★★★

2005 Turkey Flat Vineyards Shiraz, Barossa Valley, A\$48

This opens up with rather heavy, aggressive alcohol, oak and extractive aromas, and responds to aeration, turning softer and more harmonious, with alluring blackberry, licorice flavours and a smooth, fleshy palate. 15+



94 ★★★★★

2006 Mount Langi Ghiran Bradach Vineyard Pinot Noir, Grampians, A\$28

From a region not noted for great pinot, but this is a blinder! Good colour, with fragrant black cherry aromas of great clarity and charm. Ripe fruit flavours of generosity and finesse, and a nice touch of oak. Lovely flavour and structure. 6+



93 ★★★★★

2004 Yalumba The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, A\$42.95

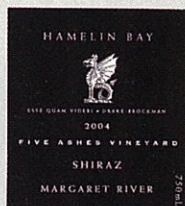
Improvements in the vineyard have put Menzies, head and shoulders above the old style. Serious weight and depth, fully ripe blackberry, mulberry fruit welded to smart oak in a very ripe, fleshy wine that pushes the envelope. 1-15



93 ★★★★★

2004 Hamelin Bay Five Ashes Vineyard Shiraz, Margaret River, A\$29

Minty, crushed-leaf and ripe berry aromas speak of a cooler climate shiraz, but there's nothing unripe here: the palate is deep and powerful, with firm structure and fleshy, sweet fruit followed by a long finish. 12+



93 ★★★★★

2006 Yering Station Shiraz Viognier, Yarra Valley, A\$24/NZ\$29

A supremely elegant shiraz with a velvet-soft palate and spicy fruit that starts off with a little sulphidic pong, which actually adds to the complexity. Texture is a highlight. Great elegance, supple tannins and sweetly spicy fruit. Value! 15+

