

HARVEY STEIMAN'S RECOMMENDED AUSTRALIAN REDS

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CLARENDON HILLS Astralis Clarendon 2006 Big, but amazingly supple, graceful and pure, offering cascades of wild blueberry, black cherry and plum fruit.	98	\$325
CLARENDON HILLS Syrah Clarendon Liandra 2006 Velvety and terrifically focused. Laser beam of blueberry, boysenberry and plum, with hints of allspice and pepper.	97	\$78
HENSCHKE Hill of Grace Eden Valley 2004 Ripe and supple, with pepper and dark chocolate nuances and focused cherry, plum and fresh orange peel flavors.	97	\$625
MOLLYDOOKER Shiraz McLaren Vale Velvet Glove 2007 Lithe, generous and beautifully proportioned, offering a seamless array of dark plum, blueberry and sandalwood.	96	\$185
TWO HANDS Ares Barossa Valley-McLaren Vale 2006 A plush mouthful of cherry, blackberry and creamy spice flavors that linger on the long, open-textured finish.	96	\$200
JIM BARRY Shiraz Clare Valley The Armagh 2005 Rich, ripe and beautifully focused on its boysenberry, pomegranate and rhubarb flavors.	95	\$175
BETTS & SCHOLL Shiraz Barossa Valley Black Betty 2006 Beautifully knit, a seamless wine with supple texture and gorgeous blackberry, plum, subtle Asian spices and cinnamon.	95	\$79
CLARENDON HILLS Syrah Clarendon Brookman 2006 Lithe and elegant, all velvet and grace, with gorgeous blackberry and blueberry character.	95	\$100
FIRST DROP Shiraz Barossa Valley The Cream 2005 A bit reticent on the nose, but positively explosive in flavor. A bold, mouthfilling expression of Barossa Shiraz.	95	\$100
MOLLYDOOKER Shiraz McLaren Vale Carnival of Love 2007 Big, rich and terrifically ripe. A lithe mouthful of pure blueberry, wild blueberry and Asian spices.	95	\$90
OLIVER'S TARANGA Shiraz McLaren Vale Expatriate 2005 Big, rich, round and plush. A plump mouthful of plum, blueberry, cream and spice flavors.	95	\$56
TORBRECK RunRig Barossa Valley 2005 Firm, focused, highly aromatic, offering floral accents to the dense blackberry, cherry and mineral flavors.	95	\$225
TWO HANDS Shiraz Barossa Valley Coach House Block Single Vineyard 2006 Plush and resonant with gorgeous black cherry, plum and licorice flavors that glide smoothly over polished tannins.	95	\$120
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JIM BARRY Shiraz Clare Valley The Lodge Hill 2006 Bright and effusive, slipping a spicy note into the mix as the blackberry and red cherry flavors pop.	91	\$20

TOP VALUES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
HEATH WINES Shiraz Barossa Valley Southern Sisters Reserve 2004 Not a big wine, but plays out its coffee- and cinnamon-scented black plum, blackberry and cherry fruit with restraint.	91	\$19
PETER LEHMANN Shiraz Barossa 2005 Round and generous. A lively mouthful of cherry, tobacco and earthy spice flavors, lingering impressively on the finish.	91	\$15
RAZOR'S EDGE Shiraz-Grenache McLaren Vale 2006 A gorgeous mouthful of ripe blackberry, plum, cherry and exotic spices, with hints of leather and brown sugar.	91	\$13
YALUMBA Shiraz-Viognier Barossa 2006 Ripe and expressive, with a purity and clarity to the blueberry, plum and white pepper flavors.	91	\$18
GREEN POINT Cabernet-Shiraz Victoria 2005 A juicy mouthful of currant and blackberry flavors shaded with hints of roasted meat and cedar.	90	\$18
PENLEY Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Phoenix 2006 Lithe and appealing for its transparency and pretty currant and berry flavors, shaded with hints of earth and herb.	90	\$20
PURE LOVE Shiraz Barossa Valley Layer Cake 2006 Smooth and round, with plenty of personality, offering juicy raspberry and plum flavors.	90	\$16
WAYNE THOMAS Shiraz McLaren Vale 2006 Bright and distinctive for its wild cherry and roasted beet aromas and flavors. Long, pointed finish.	90	\$17
NINE STONES Shiraz Barossa 2006 Lithe, supple and graceful, with a hint of brown sugar at the edge of ripe cherry and spice flavors.	89	\$14
GREG NORMAN ESTATES Shiraz Limestone Coast 2006 Crisp in texture, with an overlay of earthy, green olive character over a taut core of blackberry and tar.	89	\$15
TINTARA Shiraz McLaren Vale 2005 Smooth and velvety, with an attractive range of plum, red berry and mint flavors mingling well.	89	\$18
JACOB'S CREEK Shiraz South Australia Reserve 2005 Lithe and appealing for a sense of delicacy to go along with the focused cherry and plum flavors. Refined tannins.	88	\$12
JIP JIP ROCKS Shiraz-Cabernet Limestone Coast 2007 Crisp in texture, with chai tea-like spices hovering around lovely cherry and boysenberry fruit.	88	\$15
ROSEMOUNT Cabernet Sauvignon Mudgee Show Reserve 2005 Juicy blueberry and currant fruit at the core.	88	\$16
HEARTLAND Stickleback Red South Australia 2006 Crisp tannins and acidity balance blackberry and black olive.	87	\$12
RED HEADS STUDIO Yard Dog Red South Eastern Australia 2006 Lots of red fruit flavors, raspberry, cherry and a hint of earth.	87	\$10