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WORLD'S GREATEST SHIRAZ CHALLENGE II

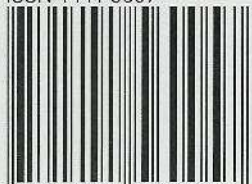
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plus

Semillon & Blends Yarra Valley Brandy, Cognac & Armagnac
McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek & Fleurieu Hawkes Bay (NZ)

Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock Heathcote Shiraz Cabernet Franc 2005 ★★★★★
Beefy, Bonox nose and a lean and beautifully textured palate with low-key fruit flavours. A different style - elegant and French-like. \$88

shiraz & blends

\$100+

9 TASTED
9 RECOMMENDED

Superb class of extraordinary wines that would offer benchmark tasting anywhere in the world.

Domaine Gilles Barge Cote Brune Cote-Rotie 2004 ★★★★★
Crafted, complex and harmonious - an absolute delight showing elegance and French sophistication. The nose has lifted spicy/peppery aromas and the palate is long and silky with delicate spicy fruit flavours. \$115

M. Chapoutier L'Ermitage Ermitage 2004 ★★★★★
A long, lingering stunner. "Beautiful, beautiful!" exclaimed one judge. Rich, fruity aromas threaded through with spice and pepper and an elegant, velvety palate with fabulous tannins - "and it's still so fresh!" \$374

Cuilleron Les Serines Saint Joseph 2003 ★★★★★
A very classy and elegant wine with layer upon layer of fresh, varietal fruit and spicy oak, seamlessly integrated on both the nose and in the mouth. It certainly has got it all together. \$108

Penfolds Grange 2002 ★★★★★
Beautiful, regal nose with a big alcoholic lift. Palate perfect with everything in silky, seamless balance. Tight in structure but generous in flavours, showing both maturity and youthfulness. Cellar if you can! \$550-

Wild Duck Creek Estate Duck Muck Heathcote Shiraz 2004 ★★★★★1/2
Huge - a veritable monster! Masses of intense, concentrated shiraz fruit, lots of alcohol, lots of sweet oak, lots of everything - including enjoyment! \$395

E. Guigal Chateau d'Ampuis Cote-Rotie 2001 ★★★★★
A meaty, savoury red with nicely developed characters. Big aromas and flavours but there's a slightly green edge. Mature and complex palate with lovely tannins. \$250

Torbreck Run Rig Barossa Valley Shiraz Viognier 2004 ★★★★★
A very ripe but youthful, spicy wine with intense, ripe, peppery fruit aromas and solid, lingering rich berry/sweet oak flavours. \$260

Grant Burge Meshach Barossa Shiraz 2002 ★★★★★1/2
Stunning red/black colour. Very ripe, very big, very grippy. Oaky aromas and a firmly structured palate with mature fruit intensity. \$100

Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley Shiraz 2002 ★★★★★1/2
Beautifully rich nose and huge, flavoursome palate. Smells of Christmas cake and tastes of rum and raisins, with great tannic support. \$600