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A reasonably priced McLaren Vale red has beaten all comers to be voted best Aussie shiraz at a major international competition. Here's a handful of others from the region worth a pour as well

FOX CREEK THE RESOLVE

2013 / Shiraz

Value: Everyday bargain
Best with: Lamb cutlets



\$16

★★★★

McLaren Vale shiraz carries a fair bit of weight on its shoulders (and in its mid-palate solar plexus) and this Dan Murphy exclusive offers a fair bit of red muscle for a great price. It is well crafted, regionally dense with a wash of dusty minerals and earthiness yet sweet, dark fruits swell in the mouth, their tannins (with a dash of oak) building gradually. Rich and generous all the way.

ANGOVE FAMILY CREST

2013 / Shiraz

Value: Unmissable
Best with: Chargrilled lamb leg



\$22

★★★★★

The International Wine Challenge (London) Best Australian Shiraz Trophy winner (as well as regional and SA state firsts), this is a show stopper with intense royal purple-black colours, dominant oak rising at the moment in a traditional barrel influenced style — coconut rough/dark chocolate/black fruit characters all in play. Decant for a few hours and it'll drink better now, or cellar it for a few years.

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

2013 / Shiraz

Value: Very handy
Best with: Old school rump steaks



\$25

★★★★★

This wine has been made by regional doyen Walter Clappis for a couple of privateers and is very much in the mode of the Angove with dominant oak at the moment as well as concentrated dark fruits wrapped in the barrel influences. Yet it's all in voluminous balance, and that's its joy. If you fancy that style this is a shining example, the structure levelled and softening in the finish.

SERAFINO SORRENTO

2014 / Shiraz

Value: Get on it
Best with: Duck hot pot



\$20

★★★★

Lovely, friendly, warm-hearted, juicy, sweet red to crimson and black fruits — the whole kit and caboodle — just like a berry salad, squished and delicious with lightly cast tannins in the finish, just enough to give this wine a decent backbone yet with soft and easy drinking as its core business. A \$26 Serafino Estate shiraz from 2013 is more dark and serious with a dash of oak, more classically and regionally dense.

S.C. PANNELL FIELD ST

2013 / Shiraz

Value: Smart
Best with: Rich-sauced ratatouille



\$25

★★★★★

A complete contrast to the Angove Family Crest, Stephen Pannell's shiraz steps back from major oak impacts but that doesn't take away the region's influence on the variety as a lovely, rich, chewy wine with a clear insight into dark fruits and textured density, here with plenty of well-toned body shaping, and background notes of mint and eucalypt. Lovely drinking without weight issues.

MR RIGGS WINE CO SCARCE EARTH

2012 / Shiraz

Value: Lash out
Best with: Finest T-bone



\$50

★★★★★

OK, so \$50 may not be an everyday buy but see how a little bit more can make such a difference. This is a single-site wine even down to specific rows from one vineyard, which shows gorgeous pure blackberry aromas with the same all over again in the mouth — intense berries, a subtle oak and earth backdrop, amazing balance. Finesse and elegance embodied in an impressive bottle. Top gifting.

Bonjour! GUEST EDITOR MANU OUT NOW!

