

TOP 100 WINES OTHER REDS



Pondalowie

2006 VINEYARD BLEND

A blend of the traditional pairing of shiraz and cabernet with the rising star tempranillo bringing together dark berries on the nose, some simple cassis in and around a dash of oaky vanillin, then a mouth full of lovely black fruits, a sense of licorice, densely-packed and full-bodied for a big and powerful wine.

\$20

92 POINTS

14.5% alcohol. Central Victoria.



Tar and Roses

2006 SANGIOVESE

From a restrained start, this builds and builds. A bit of raspberry fruit and floral lift with a meaty, almost warm-blooded grenache-like set of characters, then a real explosion of red and spiced blueberry fruit, and the realisation this is much more dense than you thought likely, finishing dry and dusty, almost chewable. Provokes interest.

\$23

93 POINTS

15% alcohol. Heathcote.



Chalmers

2006 SANGRANTINO

Grown by one of the major new variety nurseries and crafted by revered Victorian winemaker Sandro Mosele, this Italian bruiser starts with a lighter, spicier approach with lifts of oak and crumbled earth, then lets go with a huge hit of tannins that dry off to reveal cola-like flavour. Rich and concentrated and may be better with age.

\$28

92 POINTS

14.5% alc. Murray River, NSW.



Irvine

2005 RESERVE ZINFANDEL

No holds barred, fully ripe fruit staking its claim in the chocolate and raisins department. "Dusty maltesers," one judge noted. Enticing in its power with mocha and honeycake flavours, heaps of density and ripeness mixing it with earth, savoury and herb elements. Very rich Aussie style for those who love grapes fully sun-drenched.

\$35

91 POINTS

15% alcohol. Barossa Valley.

Other reds

10 recommended

While Australia has forged an international reputation with its full-throated traditionals, shiraz and cabernets, in the past decade we have discovered a cornucopia of other varieties grown for centuries in Europe and now providing an exciting new set of wine experiences here.



Kaesler Nashwauk

2006 TEMPRANILLO

A bit of Barossa brain and McLaren Vale brawn with Kaesler winemaker Reid Bosward turning his hand to this Seaview sub-region fruit and delivering an explosion of bright cherry fruit aromas that becomes more complex on the palate with leather and earthy flavours cleverly-balanced with beams of acidity and tannin texturals.

\$26

91 POINTS

15.5% alcohol. McLaren Vale.