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Tasting Notes

Down Under Reds

Prolific wine producer Australia may have become well known to the average American wine lover only within the past 10 years or so, but they've actually been at it for going on 200 years. Shiraz (Syrah), the country's iconic and most widely planted variety, was brought to the country in the mid-1800s. Cabernet Sauvignon, popular on its own and as a blending grape, also arrived at about the same time. Other varieties used often for blends include Grenache and Mourvedre, and Pinot Noir is gaining ground as a stand-alone. Because Australian wine regions have a variety of climatic conditions, styles of even the big, juicy Shiraz can vary substantially. Here are some Aussie reds you'll find on wine shelves around Ohio.

19 Crimes Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 (South Eastern Australia); \$10.99

Smoky cherry aroma with hints of eucalyptus; juicy and fruity with blueberry notes and a smoky, tannic finish.

19 Crimes Red Wine, 2015 (South Eastern Australia); \$10.99

Boysenberry and dark chocolate aroma with a note of cinnamon; pleasantly bright and fruity with flavors of cocoa, vanilla and cherry.

19 Crimes "The Banished" Dark Red, 2016 (South Eastern Australia); \$10.99

Opaque, inky color; black currant and dried plum aroma with notes of dark chocolate and black licorice; rich, round and smooth.

Hewitson "Miss Harry" Red Wine, 2013 (Barossa Valley); \$20

Earthy aroma with hints of spice and baked apple; medium bodied with tart berry flavor and a touch of apple peel on the finish.

19 Crimes "The Warden" Red Wine, 2015 (South Eastern Australia); \$24.99

Aromas of violets, dark chocolate and vanilla with a hint of clove; rich and concentrated with brambly blueberry and cocoa flavors.

Lindeman's Bin 50 Shiraz, 2015 (South Eastern Australia); \$4.99

Pleasant black cherry aroma with a hint of florals; medium bodied and nicely balanced and with pleasant, clean fruit.

Rosemount Estate Diamond Label Shiraz, 2015 (South Australia); \$7.99

Aromas of black tea, plums and black licorice; medium bodied with soft tannins and notes of black cherry.

Four Sisters Shiraz, 2014 (Central Victoria); \$12.99

Inviting floral, spicy aroma with notes of fresh plum and dark chocolate; juicy and round with spicy berry compote flavor.



D'Arenberg "The Footbolt" Shiraz, 2013 (McLaren Vale); \$19.99

Rich, concentrated, ripe berry aroma with spicy undercurrents; full bodied with solid tannins and smoky dried fruit and leather notes.

Mitolo "Jester" Shiraz, 2014 (McLaren Vale); \$20.99

Delicate berry, spice and vanilla aroma; juicy, smoky blueberry flavor with powerful tannins.

Hewitson "Ned & Henry's" Shiraz, 2014 (Barossa Valley); \$23

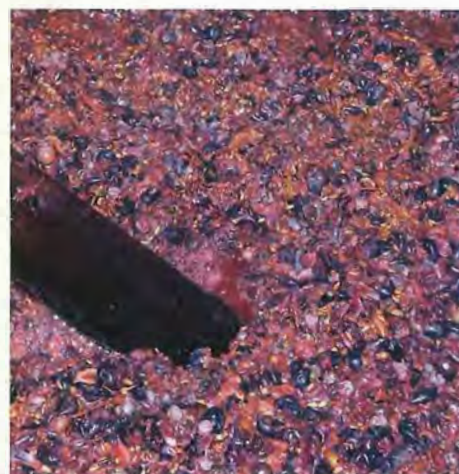
Aroma of black cherry, dark chocolate and vanilla with brambly notes; nicely balanced and crisply acidic with integrated tannins and juicy, ripe fruit.

buzz wörd (a defining moment)

Tannin

noun: astringency found mainly in red wines due to skin/juice contact, grape seeds and stems, and any wine aged in wood barrels. It enables red wines to age and gain complexity in bottle and forms deposits combining with color pigments and tarrates over time. A trait in wine, not a basic taste.

- Gary Twining



White – California

Dry Creek Vineyard DCV Estate Block 10 Chardonnay, 2015 (Russian River Valley); \$30
Aromas of Golden Delicious apple with hints of lemon drop and minerals; beautifully balanced, elegant and subtly rich.

Run Riot Chardonnay, 2015 (Central Coast); \$19.99

Bright lemony apple aroma with hints of butter; pineapple and other tropical fruit flavors with subtle oak notes.

White – Italy

Folonari Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT, 2015; \$10

Aroma of minerals, lemon and melon; bright, crisp, clean and tart citrus flavor with a touch of orange peel on finish.

White – France

Domaine Delsol Picpoul de Pinet, 2015; \$10.99

Lively tangerine and floral aroma; vivid fresh tropical fruit flavor with a mineral undercurrent and bright acidity.



Les Boursicottes Sancerre, 2015; \$22.99

Lush floral aroma with honeysuckle and sweet grass notes; full flavored with racy acidity and notes of lemon.



White - Australia

Hewitson "Lu Lu" Sauvignon Blanc, 2016 (Adelaide Hills); \$15

Bright aroma of grapefruit, lime and minerals; crisp, clean and dry with tropical fruit flavors.

Red – Argentina

Luigi Bosca Malbec, 2014 (Mendoza); \$22

Spicy aroma with hints of violets, black cherry and cassis; juicy and full with smoky flavor and zippy acidity.

Red – California

Saved Red Wine, 2013 (California); \$25

Smoky campfire aroma with notes of black licorice and mushrooms; concentrated flavor of dark berries and dark chocolate.

Dry Creek Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel, 2014 (Dry Creek Valley); \$32

Complex, seductive aroma of baking spices, eucalyptus, Black Mission figs and vanilla; lovely balance with firm tannins.

Dry Creek Vineyard "The Mariner" Meritage, 2013 (Dry Creek Valley); \$45

Enticing, spicy plum aroma with notes of eucalyptus, vanilla and black licorice; elegant and rich, with seamless structure.

Red – France

Hecht & Bannier Red Wine, 2015 (Languedoc); \$13

Earthy mocha aroma with black cherries and cassis; smooth and juicy with pleasant fruit, firm tannins and a peppery finish.

Red – Italy

Folonari Chianti DOCG, 2015; \$10

Aromas of black cherry, black licorice and a touch of sweet tobacco; nicely balanced with ripe fruit and pronounced tannins.

Melini Riserva Chianti DOCG, 2013; \$13

Cinnamon and black currant aroma with a touch of vanilla; flavors of cocoa powder and tart cherry with a hint of spice on the finish.

Marchesi di Barolo "Maraia"

Barbera del Monferrato DOC, 2014; \$13

Earthy aroma with hints of dark chocolate and cassis; soft and clean with pleasantly tart fruit.

Marchesi di Barolo "Ruvei" Barbera d'Alba DOC, 2015; \$18

Violet aroma with notes of brambly berries; nicely balanced with ripe, fresh berry flavor and smooth tannins.

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Alcohol 11% By Volume

Markko '13 Grand Cru Chardonnay pays homage to Dr. Frank. This wine is harvested from thirty-five-year-old vines, then aged three years in new Canton Grand Cru barrels.

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