

THE TOP 100 RED WINES AT \$20 OR LESS

Competition in the \$20 or less range has really hotted up in the past twelve months. We can confidently say that every wine on this list offers outstanding value for money.

1	Yalumba The Scribbler 2007	\$19.95	94 pts
2	Thorne-Clarke Shotfire Shiraz 2007	\$20	94 pts
3	Gramp's Shiraz 2006	\$19	94 pts
4	Sightings Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$20	94 pts
5	Hoddles Creek Pinot Noir 2008	\$19	94 pts
6	Shingleback Haycutters Shiraz Viognier 2007	\$17.95	93 pts
7	Bleasdale Bremerview Shiraz 2006	\$16.50	93 pts
8	Longhop Shiraz 2008	\$15	93 pts
9	Torzi Matthews Schist Rock Shiraz 2008	\$17	93 pts
10	Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy-Six Shiraz Cabernet 2007	\$17.50	93 pts
11	Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon 2005	\$18	93 pts
12	Peter Lehmann Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$19	93 pts
13	Chateau Paul Mas Clos des Mures, Coteaux du Languedoc 2006	\$18.99	93 pts
14	Maglieri Shiraz 2007	\$20	93 pts
15	Tim Adams Shiraz 2006	\$20	93 pts
16	Teusner The Riebke Ebenezer Road Shiraz 2007	\$20	93 pts
17	Tar & Roses Shiraz 2007	\$18	93 pts
18	Barwang Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$18	93 pts
19	De Bortoli Gulf Station Pinot Noir 2008	\$17	93 pts
20	Rosemount Traditional 2006	\$19.95	93 pts
21	Odd One Out Cabernets 2006	\$20	93 pts
22	Coriole Sangiovese 2007	\$19.95	93 pts
23	Brand's Laira Shiraz 2006	\$20	92 pts
24	Morris Cabernet Sauvignon 2005	\$15	92 pts
25	Campbells Bobbie Burns Shiraz 2007	\$20	92 pts
26	Campbells Bobbie Burns Shiraz 2006	\$20	92 pts
27	Ingoldby Shiraz 2007	\$19.95	92 pts
28	McHenry Hohnen Cabernet Merlot 2007	\$20	92 pts
29	Cookoothama Darlington Point Shiraz 2007	\$14.95	92 pts
30	Epsilon Shiraz 2007	\$20	92 pts
31	Kangarilla Road Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$19.95	92 pts
32	Wirra Wirra Catapult Shiraz Viognier 2007	\$20	92 pts
33	Josef Chromy Pepik Pinot Noir 2008	\$19	92 pts
34	Westend Estate Cool Climate Series Tempranillo 2008	\$14.95	92 pts
35	Barwang Shiraz 2007	\$19.90	92 pts

36	J & J Vineyards Shiraz 2007	\$19.95	92 pts
37	Meerea Park Shiraz 2008	\$15	92 pts
38	Songlines Leylines Shiraz 2007	\$20	92 pts
39	Angus the Bull Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$19.95	92 pts
40	Hardys Oomoo Sparkling Shiraz 2004	\$16	92 pts
41	Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Quartage 2007	\$20	92 pts
42	West Cape Howe Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$16	92 pts
43	Woodstock Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$20	92 pts
44	Véronique Old Vine Grenache Mataro Shiraz 2007	\$17	92 pts
45	Ravensworth Sangiovese 2007	\$20	92 pts
46	Teusner The Riebke Northern Barossa Shiraz 2008	\$20	92 pts
47	Rosemount Show Reserve Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre 2006	\$19.95	92 pts
48	De Bortoli Deen Vat 4 Petit Verdot 2007	\$11	91 pts
49	Lindemans Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2006	\$13.95	91 pts
50	Bremerton Tamblyn Cabernet Shiraz Malbec Merlot 2007	\$18	91 pts
51	Engine Room Shiraz 2005	\$19.95	91 pts
52	Browns of Padthaway T-Trellis Shiraz 2006	\$20	91 pts
53	Katnook Estate Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$19.95	91 pts
54	Catching Thieves Cabernet Merlot 2007	\$16	91 pts
55	Koonowla The Ringmaster Shiraz 2006	\$16	91 pts
56	Sightings Shiraz 2006	\$20	91 pts
57	Angove Family Winemakers Vineyard Select Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$20	91 pts
58	Kangarilla Road Shiraz 2007	\$19.95	91 pts
59	Richmond Grove Limited Release Shiraz 2006	\$19.95	91 pts
60	De Bortoli Windy Peak Pinot Noir 2008	\$13	91 pts
61	West Cape Howe Shiraz 2007	\$15	91 pts
62	Tahbilk Shiraz 2005	\$18	91 pts
63	Swinging Bridge Shiraz 2007	\$18.99	91 pts
64	Annie's Lane Cabernet Merlot 2006	\$19.95	91 pts
65	Taylor's Eighty Acres Shiraz Viognier 2006	\$16.95	91 pts
66	Hardys Oomoo Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$18.50	91 pts
67	Cookoothama Darlington Point Cabernet Merlot 2006	\$14.95	91 pts
68	Ingoldby Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$19.95	91 pts
69	Mike Press Cabernet Sauvignon 2007	\$10	91 pts

Knapstein Shiraz

2006 RELEASE

Solid value and solid drinking. This label keeps putting runs on the board. It's an effective mix of savoury earthiness (and maybe even a touch of bottle development) and sweet, raspberried, raisiny fruit flavour. We especially enjoy its weight – it has impact, but in a light-footed way. And there's a delicious flavour of licorice allsorts lingering through the aftertaste. One to watch out for. **DRINK** 2009–2013.

Price	\$22
Region	Clare Valley
Alcohol	14.5
Seal	Screwcap
Value	◆◆◆◆
Auction	N/A
Score	90

Koonara Bay of Apostles Shiraz

Bay of Apostles is a new range of wines using grapes grown roughly between Melbourne and Coonawarra (on the eastern border of South Australia). It's off to a good start.

2006 RELEASE

Very close to being rated higher. It's certainly very good. It's blackberried and savoury and peppery, its weight of flavour solid and its persistence good for the money. The flavours flow smoothly too. And there's a gentle note of aniseed to the aftertaste: always a welcome flavour. **DRINK** 2009–2012.

Price	\$20
Region	Victoria
Alcohol	14.5
Seal	Screwcap
Value	◆◆◆◆
Auction	N/A
Score	89

Koonowla The Ringmaster Shiraz

It's described on the back label as a 'magnificent wine'. This is a pretty good drop, but send in a new copywriter, please!

2006 RELEASE

Jubey, soft, riddled with eucalypt and plush with flavour from go to whoa. It's not a magnificent wine, but it is magnificent value. Search hard and you find notes of menthol and chocolate. But really it's just so juicy and flavoursome – it's a joy to drink. **DRINK** 2009–2012.

Price	\$16
Region	Clare Valley
Alcohol	14.5
Seal	Screwcap
Value	◆◆◆◆◆
Auction	N/A
Score	91

Katnook Estate Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon



It was a tough season in Coonawarra, due mainly to severe frost. As is often the way, those grapes that made it through tend to be high in quality.

2007 RELEASE

Fantastic drink. You can hardly ask for more. It might not be for cellaring, but it's a great wine to drink any time over the next few years. It tastes of chocolate, dust and blackcurrant and has a blessed, luscious smoothness. Delightful cabernet. **DRINK** 2009–2012.

Price \$19.95

Region
Coonawarra

Alcohol 14

Seal Screwcap

Value ●●●●●

Auction N/A

Score 91

Katnook Estate Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon

This is Katnook's monster flagship cabernet. All things considered, we prefer drinking the 'standard' or Founder's Block Cabernet, but that's just a style preference. The quality here is not in dispute.

2004 RELEASE

Lots of showy oak, manifested here in the pervasive scents of freshly baked coconut macaroons and sandalwood. Do not fear: this is matched by profound flavours of red- and blackberried fruits. It's firmly tannic, fresh, beautifully structured and long through the mouth. Serve, and expect to hear all the oohs and aahs you could ask for at this price. **DRINK** 2012–2024.

Price \$98

Region
Coonawarra

Alcohol 14

Seal Screwcap

Value ●●

Auction ★★★

Score 94

Koonowla The Ringmaster Cabernet Sauvignon

This wine was made by David O'Leary and Nick Walker of the excellent O'Leary Walker brand.

2006 RELEASE

It's not quite as good as The Ringmaster Shiraz of the same vintage, but it sure feels good in your mouth. It tastes of blackcurrant and eucalypt and, while it's pretty simple, it's deadset attractive too. Modest tannins provide a solid framework, and it has a beautiful violet-like perfume. Satisfying and good. **DRINK** 2009–2012.

Price \$16

Region Clare Valley

Alcohol 14.5

Seal Screwcap

Value ●●●●●

Auction N/A

Score 88