Top South African reds

SYRAH VS SHIRAZ: 30 GREAT BUYS FROM SOUTH AFRICA



Jordan, The Prospector Syrah, Stellenbosch 2017 93

£16.75-£18.95 Christopher Piper, London Wine Shippers, The Oxford Wine Co, Wine Direct

Gentle and pure with a smoothly polished texture, this is a measured, precise style of Syrah. Plenty of black berry fruits, and a lingering wisp of smoke in the background. Very assured winemaking, aged for 16 months in barrel, 85% French and 15% American oak. Great value. **Drink** 2020-2023 **Alc** 14%

Expert's choice

AUSTRIAN DRY RIESLING

It may not get star billing, but Austria's Riesling can and often does rank among the very best, with styles ranging from bracingly fresh and fruity to superbly complex. **Stephen Brook** selects 30 to try



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Allram, Ried Heiligenstein Reserve 2017 93

£30.25 Alexander Hadleigh, Slurp

Heiligenstein is a large and varied site, known for its primary rock soils, and it is far from uniform, which explains why so many Rieslings are produced here. Delectable pear and apricot aromas, a limpid attack, tangy acidity. Admirable clarity of fruit and precision, but not overtly fruit-driven. Concentrated, discreetly powerful, it exhibits ample extract on the finish, which is balanced, stony and long. A classic Riesling. **Drink** 2021-2034 **Alc** 13.5%