

## Smidge Wines S Smitch Shiraz

### 2006 RELEASE

There's a lot of smart winemaking gone into this, but it would have been a whole lot better if the grapes hadn't been picked so (over)ripe. It's more of everything compared to the Smidge Adamo Shiraz, but it still lacks freshness and detail. Put it this way: the flavours seem blurred and dull, despite there being a lot of flavour here. It tastes of tar, blackberry jam, hay and toast and, for both texture and power, is excellent. **DRINK** 2011–2016.

Price	\$65
Region	Barossa Valley
Alcohol	15.5
Seal	Screwcap
Value	♦♦
Auction	N/A
Score	89

## Songlines Leylines Shiraz

### 2007 RELEASE

If we were going to build the perfect, affordable shiraz, it would taste a lot like this. It's flavoursome and rich, but it has a touch of class too. We've shaken our heads at some of the top-priced wine from Songlines in the past, but this shows the quality of the outfit. Lovely, easy-going flow of flavour, but tidy and clean, too. Blackberries and cherries and coffeed, vanillin oak – but all in time and balance. Yee-ha. Super-smooth, as well. **DRINK** 2009–2013.

Price	\$20
Region	McLaren Vale
Alcohol	14.5
Seal	Screwcap
Value	♦♦♦♦♦♦
Auction	N/A
Score	92

## Spinifex Shiraz Viognier

### 2007 RELEASE

Heavenly wine. Exactly what top-notch shiraz viognier should be. Elegant and spicy but in the most positive of ways – and not as an excuse for thin weediness. Full fruit flavour of blackberries and kirsch, and lots and lots of juiciness – this is one tremendously vibrant wine. The folks at Spinifex are in the finest of forms ... if you're really going to splash out, please consider this. **DRINK** 2011–2018.

Price	\$65
Region	Barossa Valley
Alcohol	14.5
Seal	Cork
Value	♦♦♦♦♦
Auction	★★★
Score	95