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IN A BROAD BLIND TASTING OF AUSTRALIAN SHIRAZ these were our favorites (over 50 tasted).

We wanted to know, when you go to a wine store outside of Australia looking for a red wine between \$20 and \$50, whether the shiraz aisle is going to be a safe bet. The answer turned out to be no, but with a big caveat – actually two very big caveats, named Dead Letter Office and Pirramimma. They are what Australia shiraz can be. Both are worth far more. In our last tasting of shiraz in 2004, the Pirramimma was our best value. This is clearly a name to keep in mind.

PIRRAMIMMA 2004 McLaren Vale Shiraz

DELICIOUS

✓ **BEST VALUE** “Big rich and spicy, with tomato-like freshness and real brawn. Big, yet surprisingly easy to drink, with confidence, class, lovely balance. Repeat favorite.”