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The 42 Best Syrahs to Buy Right Now

Our favorite Syrahs from familiar regions in California and Australia and less-expected locales in Idaho and beyond.

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Syrah has the potential to be grown and crafted in as wide a range of styles as any grape variety in the world. From fruit-forward and exuberant to practically dripping with bacon fat and tapenade, to bottlings that are lifted to the vinous stratosphere with the spicy, occasionally floral perfume of fresh-cracked peppercorns, Syrah (or Shiraz) is a grape that rewards exploration.

Which is why tasting for this piece was so deeply rewarding: Over the course of several dozen wines, it became abundantly clear that producers all over the world are crafting absolutely delicious Syrah and Syrah-based blends in a huge range of styles.



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Still, for all that breadth, there is a remarkable thread that runs through the best of them, a savoriness that slices through the fruit, and a balance between the two that lends both tension and complexity.

Below are 42 Syrahs from all over the world, listed alphabetically, that exemplify what makes the variety so exciting. I chose not to include blends that incorporate less than 75% Syrah, which means that I had to leave out some excellent example from around the world, particularly the Southern France and the Rhône Valley. The 2017 Gérard Bertrand Château La Sauvageonne and the 2017 Vidal-Fleury Ventoux are both delicious, for example, but are only 60% Syrah, so I didn't include them in this roundup.

From familiar places in [California](#) and Australia to less-expected locales in Idaho and beyond, here are highly pleasurable Syrahs worth looking for.

2017 Abeja Syrah Walla Walla Valley, Washington (\$52)

Plush, generous aromas of black-cherry crème brûlée and black peppercorns are instantly comforting: This is the kind of wine you can curl up on the couch with, but it's also very food-friendly. That richness follows through to the palate, where more ripe berry and plum fruit emerge, and are joined by licorice and blood orange. Excellent example of what Washington State does so well. Drink now through 2026+.