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An enormous tasting from one of Australia's premium wine states. With such a wide review of wines from many producers, results are invariably mixed. Our aim, of course, is to pick out the best from each style. Without doubt, the West has the ability to deliver excellent wines in virtually every category!

588 TASTED
316 RECOMMENDED

BEST OF THE WEST

SHIRAZ 2005

44 TASTED 22 RECOMMENDED

A mixed group of wines, from some real highlights to the not-so-goods. Some very good wines here got the balance right between fresh fruit and oak. But a number were overripe in a more dry red rather than varietal shiraz style.

Xabregas Mount Barker Shiraz 2005 ★★★

Cool, spicy aromas with fresh mint notes. Fragrant fruit flavours, fine, tight tannins and a slightly porty finish. \$14.99 ■

Xabregas Show Reserve Mount Barker Shiraz 2005 ★★★

Evolved earthy/oaky style with greenish fruit that has some sweetness and is supported by the grippy tannins. \$24.99 ■