



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...



2018 Lethbridge Shiraz

The Story: Are Shiraz and Syrah the same?

The short answer is Yes, "Shiraz" is synonym of "Syrah" and both refer to grape which hails from Eastern France. Shiraz is the name choice by and large for most Australian winemakers. The name has become synonymous with rich, fruit-forward higher alcohol wines, while "Syrah" is traditionally French or wines that aspire towards a more nuanced approach.

Our wine is on the lighter side of medium-bodied but by no means wimpy. Spice box aromas meld delicately with berry and dark cherry flavours, and finishes with driving acidity. Sounds like a "Syrah" however, as a proud Australian, it will always be Shiraz for me. Australia is a big country with a vast contrast in climates and populated by maverick winemakers The array of Australia Shiraz styles represents this notion for me.

The Wine: From a very cool, long ripening season, this wine shows all the hallmarks of cool-climate Shiraz. White pepper, rosemary & cooking spice on the nose, delicate black fruits and more pepper on the palate, a delicious medium bodied wine.

The Review:

96 points, James Halliday

"From Lethbridge's home block, hand-picked and sorted, fermented with 50% whole bunches, matured in new French barriques, 106 dozen made. The finish makes what is a special wine."

Vintage:	2018
Other vintages:	2000 - 2017
Grape variety:	Shiraz
Vineyards:	Lethbridge
Bottled:	January 2019
Cases made:	105 dozen
Alcohol:	14.5%
Cellar potential:	7 + Years
Cellar door prices:	\$48

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 In short, yes. 'Shiraz' and 'Syrah' both refer to a grape hailing from Eastern France. Shiraz is the name of choice for most Australian winemakers and has become synonymous with rich, fruit-forward, high alcohol styles, while 'Syrah' is the name used by the French but rarely appears on bottles, it is also commonly used by our neighbours across the ditch for elegant wines from cool climate sites. This wine is on the lighter side of medium-bodied but is by no means wimpy. Spice box aromas, flavours of berries and dark cherry, finishing long with balanced acidity and fine tannins. Sounds like a 'Syrah'. However, as a proud Australian it will always be Shiraz for me. *Ray*

