



2001 R.S.W. Shiraz



This wine is named after Robert Strangways Wigley, a noted South Australian eccentric & cricketer who established Wirra Wirra in 1894. He produced a much-acclaimed Shiraz, which was exported to England & the Empire until his death in 1925. The cellars fell into disuse after the 1936 vintage, until first cousins Greg & Roger Trott rebuilt the ironstone winery by hand in 1969. McLaren Vale, as well as being home to some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world, is blessed with climatic conditions & soil types which are ideal for growing this variety. These factors contribute directly to the regions' reputation for producing Shiraz of world acclaim & have a profound influence on the style & quality of this wine. This, the twelfth release of R.S.W., has spent 20 months maturing in French & American oak barriques prior to bottling.

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Tasting Notes

Winemakers:	Samantha Connew and Paul Carpenter.
Grape Varieties:	100% Shiraz
Region:	100% McLaren Vale, South Australia
Oak Maturation:	20 months in new & one year old French (80%) & American (20%) oak barriques.
Colour:	Brilliant, dark purple opaque hues.
Bouquet:	Rich, intense spices and cinnamon, with a liquorice sweetness. Ripe blackberry lifted fruit fragrances. Slight savoury notes & black pepper with complexing smoky tobacco oak aromas.
Palate:	Full-bodied, yet complex wine, with excellent structure, fine integrated tannins, and wild berry fruit flavours through the core of the palate.
General:	The wine has a fineness, with an intensity & depth that begs attention. Made in small quantities from Wirra Wirra's best Shiraz, the R.S.W. is a spicy & complete wine that will develop for many years in the cellar.
Technical Notes:	Alc /vol: 14.9% pH: 3.40 TA: 6.7 g/L
Serve:	At room temperature, less than 18° with most foods including pastas, cheeses & grilled red meats.