



Two iconic Wirra Wirra Christmas gifts

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The two jewels in the Wirra Wirra crown, the **2007 'RSW' Shiraz** and **2007 'The Angelus' Cabernet Sauvignon** have been released, just in time for the gifting season. These McLaren Vale icons are of limited release and while they will not sit around on the shelves for long, they can lie in the cellar for years...

The **2007 'RSW' Shiraz** is named after Robert Strangways Wigley – a noted South Australian eccentric and state cricketer who established Wirra Wirra back in 1894.

The fruit for this wine is 100% McLaren Vale Shiraz and while distinctively McLaren Vale in its aromatics of blueberries and dark chocolate, there are plenty of secondary characters of cedar and warm leather layered by spicy notes of black pepper and chicory. The palate is rich and generous and although blood plums and violets dominate the flavour, it's the dense, finely grained tannins and high toned oak that give this wine tremendous power.

Each vineyard batch was matured separately prior to blending in a combination of 58% French and 42% American oak for 20 months. New oak consisted of 65% of the blend. Only 650 cases available nationally.

The **2007 'The Angelus' Cabernet Sauvignon** (known as 'The Dead Ringer' in Export markets) was named after the ¾ tonne Angelus bell that sits proudly atop the Wirra Wirra cellars and is rung to announce the start and finish of each vintage.

Made from 100% McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine is deep violet purple in colour and has fresh, exceptionally varietal aromas of lifted blackcurrant and cedar that integrate well with spicy vanillin oak characters. The palate is refined and elegant and flavours of mulberry are complemented by plenty of persistent fine grained tannins that add texture and structure.

Prior to blending, each vineyard batch was matured in French oak barriques separately for 20 months. Of the final blend, 70% of wine was matured in new barrel. Only 550 cases available nationally.

Wirra Wirra winemaker Sam Connew said of the 2007 vintage;

"This was the first of the recent run of 'drought' years and was one of the driest on record. Yield was restricted to half of the 2006 crop and berries were small in size yet densely concentrated in flavour. The 2007 'RSW' and 'Angelus' both have exceptional structure and will cellar beautifully for the next 10 to 15 years."

Recommended retail prices:

Wirra Wirra 2007 The Angelus Cabernet Sauvignon - \$60

Wirra Wirra 2007 RSW Shiraz - \$65

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