



## Wirra Wirra's smashing new vintage Adelaide Hills whites

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Wirra Wirra builds upon its reputation as a producer of elegant cool climate whites with the release of two stellar Adelaide Hills wines, the 2010 'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc and the 2010 'Lost Watch' Adelaide Hills Riesling.

### 2010 Wirra Wirra 'Lost Watch' Hand Picked Adelaide Hills Riesling

In 1947, Greg Trott lost the only watch he ever owned – a gift from his father. From that day forth, Trott never bothered with a time-piece, preferring to rely on the shadows of the sun, or so he claimed. . . As a result, Trott was notoriously late; sometimes hours, days and occasionally weeks – for dinners, meetings, flights and gatherings. *Usually* his charm garnered forgiveness from those kept waiting.

Riesling has a long tradition at Wirra Wirra – Trott's first two releases were the Hand Picked Riesling and Church Block back in 1973. Today the varietal is experiencing somewhat of a revival in the cellars, with Senior Winemaker Paul Smith carrying a serious pedigree and passion from working with the varietal at renowned producers Petaluma, Grosset and Knapstein. Paul's first effort at Wirra Wirra sold out quickly last year via word-of-mouth - an interesting reaction to a supposedly "unfashionable" grape!

Once again the 2010 fruit has been sourced - from elevated, cool vineyards in Lenswood, a sub-region of McLaren Vale's neighbouring Adelaide Hills and Paul says:

*"We hand-picked the grapes, from mature vineyards up to 40 years old, avoiding any sun damaged fruit or skin contact, and retaining the delicate aromatics. Bunches were de-stemmed, chilled, and gently crushed by a membrane press where the free run juice was collected. With the pressings discarded, the remaining free run juice was cold settled and fermented at a cool temperature to maximize fruit purity."*

The 'Lost Watch' Riesling has a lifted bouquet with classic talc, perfumed floral notes and a citrus zest. It displays an intense core of ripe citrus throughout the palate with persistent flavour and a minerally structure offset by a hint of brown lime. Refreshing acidity provides a beguiling mouth feel and a long finish. Paul suggests a glass to accompany lightly seasoned, grilled fish with a squeeze of lemon.

### 2010 Wirra Wirra 'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc

If Trott wasn't late he was missing. A simple dash to the local shops might evolve into an interstate visit, phone strangely absent from the journey. He would return a day or so later bemused by the fuss. Over time it was accepted that Trotty was in training to become the Olympic 'hiding champion' and it became part of life at Wirra Wirra.

The 2010 'Hiding Champion' Sauvignon Blanc exclusively features hand-picked fruit sourced from Jeff and Ann Gower's Yandra vineyard also in the Adelaide Hills sub-region of Lenswood.

Senior Winemaker Paul Smith says:

*"This vintage provided modest, low yields which helped achieve greater intensity in the fruit. A mild finish to the season allowed the concentration of flavours to develop and maintain acid structure. While we seek freshness and vibrancy with this wine, we did transfer a tiny amount – 3% - into French oak during fermentation to add a little extra texture."*

Best consumed while young and vibrant, the 'Hiding Champion' Sauvignon Blanc has pungent tropical and gooseberry notes- complemented by touches of nettle, celery stick and bath salts. Herbs and hints of spice further complex the nose. Mouth filling pristine flavours of passionfruit and grapefruit zest dance on the palate supported by a juicy and mouth watering natural acid balance. The palate is long and flavoursome with true persistence making the 'Hiding Champion' a seamless wine perfect for fresh grilled scallops with crispy pancetta and sage.

### 2010 Wirra Wirra 'Lost Watch' Adelaide Hills Riesling RRP - \$18.00

### 2010 Wirra Wirra 'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc RRP – \$22.50

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