



Wirra Wirra puts its best foot forward

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Wirra Wirra has released its **2006 'The Angelus' Cabernet Sauvignon** and **2006 'RSW' Shiraz** – two McLaren Vale icons and the pinnacle of the Wirra Wirra collection.

While the popularity of these flagship wines continues to grow, the quantity of production remains limited to only the very best fruit the vineyards can offer. Exceptional parcels are carefully selected, reserved and vinified with unwavering attention from Senior Winemaker, Samantha Connew:

“RSW’ and ‘The Angelus’ are wines which we are continually striving to make the very best examples possible. We spend a huge amount of time refining our vineyards and working with growers to achieve the best quality fruit as well as learning about how these carefully selected fruit resources respond to different fermentation techniques, oak treatments and yeast selections. We are very excited about the future of these two flagship wines.”

The **2006 'The Angelus' Cabernet Sauvignon**, known as ‘The Dead Ringer’ in Export markets, was made from 100% McLaren Vale fruit sourced from old (20+ years), low yielding blocks. Each vineyard batch was matured in French oak barriques separately for 22 months prior to blending, with 65% matured in new barrels and the remainder in seasoned oak.

The resulting wine displays classic cabernet aromas of wild dark berry fruits including cassis, blackcurrants and mulberry. Ripe fruit is supported by hints of leather, cigar box, aniseed and spicy oak.

Wonderfully rich blackcurrant fruit persists on the palate with sandy but fine oaky tannins complementing the fruit and giving the wine structure and style.

The wine is named after the ¾ tonne Wirra Wirra bell which is rung to announce the start and finish of each vintage in McLaren Vale and for other suitable celebrations.

In recent years this wine has garnered international acclaim, with the 2004 vintage named the International Cabernet Sauvignon of the year at the 2007 London International Wine Challenge, an accolade that led to Wirra Wirra being named International Red Winemaker of the Year at the same show. The 2006 release seems set to follow a similar path, with this wine collecting two trophies at the McLaren Vale Wine show last week.

The **2006 'RSW' Shiraz** is named after Robert Strangways Wigley, a noted South Australian eccentric cricketer who established Wirra Wirra in 1894. Robert produced a much-acclaimed shiraz which was exported to England until his death in 1925. It is safe to say that Robert would be proud to have his name against one of Wirra Wirra's finest wines.

Made also from 100% McLaren Vale fruit, parcels of fruit for the 2006 'RSW' Shiraz were selected then matured separately for 22 months – 95% was aged in French oak with the remaining 5% aged in American oak.

Upon opening, varietal aromas of lifted plums and blueberries with subtle violets and perfume notes fill the nose. Further inspection reveals smoky oak and savoury characters that add a wonderful complexity to the fruit character.

The palate is mouth filling with rich plums and black cherry fruits supported by fine cedary oak, aniseed and dark chocolate. A sophisticated wine with great balance of power and style.



Recommended retail prices:

Wirra Wirra 2006 The Angelus Cabernet Sauvignon - \$60

Wirra Wirra 2006 RSW Shiraz - \$60

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