



### Wirra Wirra puts the spotlight back on the wines with the release of two new vintage whites

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For those who thought Wirra Wirra might become the 'hiding champions' of McLaren Vale after an unfortunate start to vintage 2008, you can think again. The winery is up and running at almost full speed, everyone is okay and as much as we can say it at Wirra Wirra, "things are back to normal".

We are very happy then to release the first two whites from the 2008 vintage, the **'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc** and **'Scrubby Rise' Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Viognier**.

The unfortunate incident at the winery just as vintage was starting is now known as "George" after the tribe had tired of referring to it as "the accident", "the incident" or "the collapse". "George" made making wine in 2008 a challenge like no other year in our history.

We invite you to have a close look at our first results:

**2008 Wirra Wirra 'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc (12% alc):** The 'Hiding Champion' is named in memory of our founder Greg Trott's habit of 'going missing' whenever the more mundane tasks of the everyday required his attention.

Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc fruit sourced from Jeff Gower's Yandra vineyard at Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills, the bouquet is of fresh gooseberries, apples and lime zest with a touch of green peas. The well balanced palate expresses layers of green apple and juicy limes with a tight mineral acidity leading to a clean and refreshing finish.

**2008 Wirra Wirra 'Scrubby Rise' Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Viognier (13.5% alc):** The Scrubby Rise "white" as it is often referred is named after the vineyard that fronts our ironstone cellars and supplies much of the Semillon that goes into the blend.

The balance of the fruit was sourced from our own Finnis River vineyards as well as other vineyards within the Fleurieu Peninsula.

As ever, this is the perfect white, crisp and bright with an added dash of complexity and richness from the viognier influence. Vibrant tropical and citrus notes with a touch of orange blossom open for a palate of fresh citrus coupled with passionfruit and melons.

Both new release wines are pure and fresh and best enjoyed early in their life, yet offering a depth and intensity that sets them apart from the pack.

Winemaker Samantha Connew is pleased to see the spotlight back on the wines. "It's great to finally see the first fruits of our '08 labour in bottle. The 2008 Hiding Champion Sauvignon Blanc is the culmination of a number of years of experimentation with yeast trials in conjunction with the AWRI and we believe it is the best expression yet of the style that we are aiming to achieve," she said.

#### **Recommended retail prices:**

**Wirra Wirra 2008 'Hiding Champion' Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc - \$22.00**

**Wirra Wirra 2008 'Scrubby Rise' Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Viognier - \$16.50**

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