



As the Australian cricket team heads to the UK to defend The Ashes Wirra Wirra sends in the 12th Man

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Wirra Wirra's 12th Man Chardonnay is named after its late founder Richard Gregory Trott's love of cricket and the team at Wirra Wirra are proud to be sending in the 2008 vintage in his honour as the Aussies head back to the UK to defend that most precious of urns – The Ashes.

Forming part of the 'RGT' range, the **2008 Wirra Wirra 12th Man Chardonnay** is made from 100% Adelaide Hills Chardonnay sourced from three different vineyards within the cool climate Lenswood region. Previously a single vineyard wine, winemaker Samantha Connew has taken a slightly different approach for the 2008 vintage with exceptional results.

"We sourced the fruit from the Yandra, Scary Gully and Weaver vineyards, all located in the Lenswood area. Each vineyard has its own characteristics and flavours. The careful blending of all three brings diversity of flavour and added complexity to the final blend", said Sam.

After handpicking, the fruit was whole bunch-pressed keeping the free-run and pressing juice separate in stainless steel fermenters. The juice was then transferred to quality French oak to begin its natural fermentation using 100% indigenous yeast. Weekly lees stirring was introduced during fermentation to add further complexity and structure to the wine.

The resultant wine is a vibrant, pale straw colour with ripe white peach and stone-fruit aromas, wonderfully interwoven with spicy French oak. The palate is full and rich with natural acidity, free of malolactic fermentation, and nectarine and citrus fruit flavours are complemented by characters of nuts and vanilla bean. The finish is long and dry with a creamy, cedary texture.

Should the Australian cricket team find themselves on the ropes as they battle to retain the Ashes this winter – they could do a lot worse than call for the 12th Man.

Recommended retail price: 2008 Wirra Wirra 12th Man Chardonnay – RRP \$28.50

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