

**2011 Mrs Wigley  
Grenache Rosé**



**Region:** McLaren Vale  
**RRP:** \$18.50  
**Release Date:** August 2011  
**Alc:** 13.5% **pH:** 3.05 **RS** 2.4g/L  
**Distribution:** National retail,  
on-premise and Cellar Door  
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## What's New, Pussycat?

Of all the stories, far-fetched or factual, that have emanated from the ironstone cellars of Wirra Wirra, few seem to capture the imagination like the legend of Mrs. Wigley. Whether it is the universal love of the furry animal, or the bestowment of the bride that Bob Wigley never had, somehow the tale resonates across ages, genders and nationalities.

For the uninitiated, Mrs. Wigley was the name given to a mischievous moggy that set up house in one of our open fermenters many years ago. Her name was given in honour of our first founder and life-long bachelor, Bob Wigley. The cellar crew seeing fit to posthumously provide him with the wife he never had.

Heavily pregnant, Mrs. Wigley gave birth to a litter of kittens and deemed that the comforts and company of the winery – and Greg Trott's regular offerings from the cellar door cheese board – were a far better option than her previous nine lives.

Not even an accident with a sharp piece of galvanized iron and the ensuing removal of most of her tail by Joe Petrucci's pruning shears tempered Mrs. W's enthusiasm for life at Wirra Wirra.

With the warmer months upon us, it's time to fluff up Mrs. Wigley and send her out once again into the big wide world. So on cue and as fresh as the proverbial daisy comes the **2011 Mrs. Wigley Grenache Rosé**.

Made from 100% McLaren Vale grenache, the 2011 vintage is a brilliant crimson in colour and shows a perfumed nose of freshly picked raspberries and cranberries. Notes of strawberries and cream with a hint of musk will take you back to the old fashioned sweet shops of your childhood.

On the palate the wine is alive with bright juicy flavours of watermelon flesh and cranberry juice carried by sweet acidity with just a hint of tannin influence.

Wirra Wirra Senior Winemaker Paul Smith acknowledges that although rosé may have a reputation as a fun wine, he takes it very seriously in the cellars. "For us this wine is a great celebration of the vibrant flavours of grenache," said Paul. "We really seek to capture those fresh and bright characters and let the gentle sweetness in the wine come from the fruit, so it still finishes quite dry and savoury, making it an ideal food wine."

Rosé is the perfect wine for sharing and Paul suggests cracking a bottle of the 2011 Mrs. Wigley with friends over a pan of steaming seafood paella with saffron and preserved lemons.