



Wirra Wirra release 2008 'Lost Watch' in time for spring

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The tribe at Wirra Wirra are proud to release the 2008 vintage 'Lost Watch' Riesling, a wine that forms part of the RGT collection that honours the late, great founder of Wirra Wirra, Gregory Trott.

The wine previously known as 'Hand Picked Riesling', was re-named 'Lost Watch' in memory of Trott's decision not to replace the only watch he ever owned – a gift from his father that he lost in 1947. This decision caused him to be notoriously late by minutes, hours or even days!

Luckily, the wines at Wirra Wirra are much more reliable than their namesake as the new vintage 'Lost Watch' Riesling can testify.

The 2008 'Lost Watch' is made from 100% Adelaide Hills fruit that is hand-picked to minimise skin contact with free run juice which provides the wine with intense varietal aromas.

The 2008 vintage was a logistical challenge for two reasons; the most serious of which, was "George's" unwelcome visit – 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".

The second challenge was 'the heatwave' which occurred halfway through vintage. Picking of Adelaide Hills white varieties commenced in the last week of February with all fruit picked prior to the start of the heatwave displaying strong varietal character and crisp acidity.

The 2008 'Lost Watch' Riesling displays lifted citrus fruits and apple blossom on the nose, complemented with a fresh and zingy palate loaded with crisp granny smith apples and lemon zest. It is a full flavoured Australian style that is drinking beautifully now but will also reward those with patience, cellaring for up to seven years.

Winemaker Sam Connew is pleased with the results commenting;

"We are really impressed with the quality of fruit from the Adelaide Hills. Being so used to cool conditions, we were at first concerned the fruit may have seen a little too much heat - but the resulting wine with strong varietal character shows that we got there in time!"

Recommended retail price:

Wirra Wirra 2008 'Lost Watch' Adelaide Hills Riesling - \$18.00

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