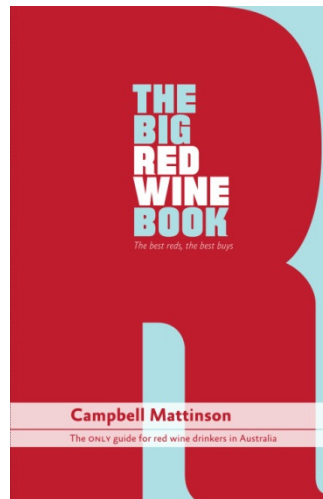


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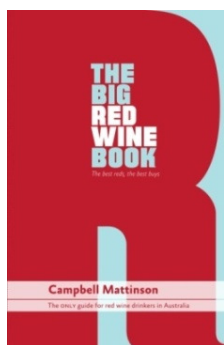
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BIG RED Winery of the Year



“Samantha Connew is the chief winemaker, and she's got the place singing. I suspect she's incapable of making an ordinary wine. All of Wirra Wirra's wines are now leaders in their class - they are a small winery in McLaren Vale and yet, remarkably, they have five wines in this guide scoring over 90 points and two super wines in the Top 100 list of reds priced at \$20 or less. For glugging down on a weeknight; for savouring on a Saturday night; for cellaring - Wirra have a top red wine to suit. No wonder they have been grabbing a good deal of international attention of late. It is a pleasure to award them the Big Red Winery of the Year.”

Campbell Mattinson, Author



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95PTS 2005 RSW Shiraz

“Talk about rich! This is a cake of blackberried chocolate melted down and poured into a bottle, the oozy, smooth, groovy flavour of it layering your tongue with chocolate and blackberry and the classiest cedary, creamy oak. Tannin-wise it’s remarkable, a flurry of chewy velvet rippling through the wine’s syrupy softness.”

95PTS 2005 THE ANGELUS Cabernet Sauvignon

“Massed with dark, chocolaty, dusty fruit flavour, the impact and style of it as impressive as one another. This is the kind of red to drink in the middle of winter after you’ve just achieved something important; it’s a statuesque, saturated wine worthy of a grand occasion. Bigger is not always better when it comes to red wine, but this is an example of bigger being a belter. Deep, sustained, beautiful.”

94PTS 2006 WOODHENG Shiraz

“Do you like thick, syrupy, smooth-as-silk red wine? Do you like it riddled with sweet, dark, ripe fruit flavours, overlaid with a light tap of savoury French oak? Do you like red wine that impresses from the first pour, and keeps purring at you all the way to the end of the bottle? Thought you might. This wine does all that, with ease.”

92PTS 2006 CATAPULT Shiraz Viognier

“I’m tempted to call this wine fabulous fun but it’s better than that. No wonder Wirra Wirra has become known as such a red wine star. Rich, soft, commanding fruit flavour, the mix of bright, floral aromatics beautifully accented by tight tannin and alluring flavours of smoky, sawdusty oak. The fruit is bold and plummy – this is a complete red wine drinking package.”

92PTS 2006 CHURCH BLOCK Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot

“Tip-top red wine drinking. The more I drank of it the more perfect it seemed – I think I’m going to have to nab me a case. It’s perfectly balanced and perfectly powered, bangs of blackcurrant and blackberry-like flavour easing into fine, perfectly ripened tannins. Oh how I wish that all reds at this price were as good as this.”

88PTS 2006 SCRUBBY RISE Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot

“The good thing about this is that it’s full-bodied – I like medium-bodied wine but it’s great to have a full monty option at an affordable price. It tastes of ground coffee, deli meats, blackberry jam and plums, and it keeps itself fresh and nice right to the bottom of the bottle.”