

**2007 SCRUBBY RISE**

Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot

AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2009, James Halliday

“As usual, over-delivers expectations with its multifaceted aromas and flavours, the tannins tamed by clever winemaking to allow blackberry/mulberry/raspberry fruits free reign.”

TASTE FOOD & WINE 2009 Matthew Jukes/Tyson Stelzer

“Even though '07 Scrubby is still in its infancy, there is already an incredible amount of harmony on the go in this challenging blend. The nose is delish, but the flavour is even more expressive. ...While Shiraz is seemingly the master of the trio at this stage, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot appear to stick their hands up at the back of the class to ask a question of the more exuberant grape and then quickly put them back down again to defer to its authority. The continual state of flux is what makes this wine such a fascinating red...”

HERALD SUN Paddy Kendler, JAN 09

★★★★★

“Perhaps the '07 vintage was especially favourable or the team at Wirra somehow ended up with more quality fruit than usual, but this is the best Scrubby Rise I've tasted and – in all honesty – consumed to the last drop. A blend of shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot, this exemplifies the essential honesty and generosity of McLaren Vale red wine and at a bargain price to boot.”

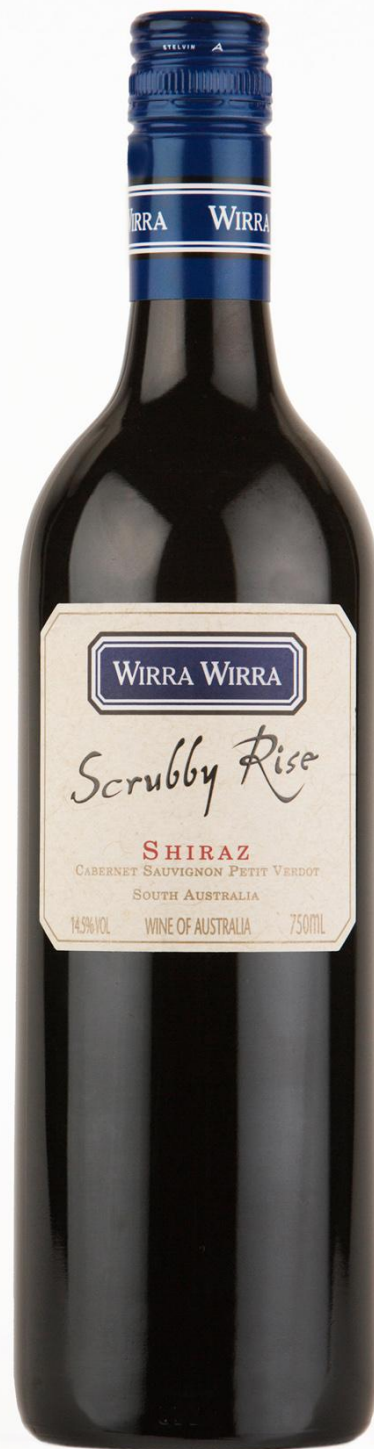
AGE Daily Wines for Trying Times, Jeni Port, JAN 09

“...we can still get a damn good drink in the Scrubby Rise. Winemaker Samantha Connew delivers power and poise in a red with plenty of dark fruits, chocolate and earthy flavours.”

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD Wine of the Week, Huon Hooke, FEB 09

“Samantha Connew and the crew at Wirra have come up with the ideal everyday drinking red: a deliciously bright, blackberry-and aniseed-scented blend with touch of jam, good balance and well-measured tannins. Fruit is to the fore and oak is played subtly. It's a quality red and technically flawless, and it has that all-important element at this end of the red-wine market: immediate drinkability. The label says South Australian but I suspect there's a good measure of McLaren Vale in it. Hard to go past at its price. Drink now and for five or six years.”

**Food** Most lighter red-meat dishes and highly flavoured hard, washed-rind and white-mould cheeses would work well. Barbecued steak, chops and sausages would be ideal.



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[AGE](#) Epicure, Ralph Kyte-Powell, FEB 09

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“This is the sort of McLaren Vale red that’s sure to please a crowd. It’s easy drinking without the rough edges, combining aromas of red berries, plums and spice with little regional earthiness. The palate is ripe and smooth with lush texture and balanced tannins.”

[QUAFF.COM.AU](#) Wine of the Week, Peter Forrestal, MAR 09

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Rating: Bloody Good

“The team of Sam Connew and Paul Smith have combined to make an irresistible quaffer; rich, ripe, sweet fruit, concentrated pure blackcurrent and mulberry flavours, lush velvety texture (almost syrupy). Not complicated, existing exuberant, easy drinking, everyday red. I think the best Scrubby Rise red yet.

[MONEY MAGAZINE](#) Wine Spotlight, Peter Forrestal, APR 09

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[THE WINE FRONT](#) Gary Walsh, JUN 09

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[THE BIG RED WINE BOOK 2009](#) Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh

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[SUN HERALD](#) Uncorked, Matthew Skinner, AUG 09

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“A favourite with bargain hunters everywhere, Scrubby Rise represents insane value for money. From this none-too-heavy blend of shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot, expect sweet, plum-like fruit followed by dry, grippy tannins.”

