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Coonawarra

## 2003 Wrattenbully Shiraz

This is the inaugural release of a Shiraz from the Hollick Red Ridge vineyard at Wrattenbully, which is approximately 50km north of the Hollick Coonawarra winery and boasts similar soils and a marginally warmer climate. The combination of the “hard-doing” soils and the climate is perfect for production of the highest quality Shiraz.

The summer of 2003 was cooler than average and dry, followed by a fine autumn devoid of significant precipitation. The vintage was notable for yields that were well below the long-term average, resulting in an early vintage, with the fruit for the Wrattenbully Shiraz being picked in late March.

The fruit for this wine in the main was selected from the top of the vineyard where the soil is very shallow over a deep limestone base. The shallow soils ensure that the vines are devigorated and produce small crops of very intensely flavoured berries.

In the winery, the grapes were handled carefully to retain the intense fruit flavours developed in the vineyard. After fermentation the wine was transferred to a combination of French and American oak hogsheads for 15 months maturation, which has preserved and enhanced the regional varietal characteristics of the wine and ensured a long finish on the palate.

- Composition: 100% Shiraz
- Colour: Dense ruby red, bordering on black, with purple hues at the rim.
- Aromas: The nose is a study in classic Wrattenbully Shiraz. Dark plums, rose petals, honeysuckle and passionfruit skins can be discerned.
- Flavours: The wine delivers excellent density and saturated savoury fruit flavours, with a fine tannin finish. Robust and juicy, it displays good freshness and admirable complexity and purity.

The supple structure of this wine enables it to be consumed now, although 5 to 10 years in a good cellar will be amply rewarded. Our chef recommends an Eye Fillet steak with oxtail dumpling to accompany.

### Technical Details

Alc/Vol	14.0%
pH	3.37
Total Acidity	7.10g/l
Bottled	May, 2005



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750ml