



HOLLICK

COONAWARRA

2008 HOLLICK WRATTONBULLY SHIRAZ

The 2008 Wrattenbully Shiraz provides further evidence of Ian Hollick's vision and belief that the rolling hills and stony soil of the Hollick Vineyard in Wrattenbully is a fantastic site for quality wine grape production. Being of similar red soils to that of the famed Terra Rossa of Coonawarra, this vineyard consistently produces low yields of fruit with intense flavour and colour.

Coonawarra experienced optimum conditions during the 2008 growing season. Early spring rains after a dry winter promoted excellent budburst and flowering. The cool conditions in February allowed good flavour development before the intense heat of March hastened the ripening. The vintage yields were marginally below the long-term average, with the fruit showing intense colour and rich ripe flavours

The winemaking staff worked carefully to retain the wonderful flavours created in the vineyard, and after the fermentation and maturation process a critical barrel selection of the most outstanding batches was made to determine the final blend. Typically the best barrels were from fruit sourced from the top of the slope where the shallow soils ensured that the vines struggled to produce crops of little more than one tonne per acre, and hence some stunning flavours.



Region	Wrattenbully
Appearance	Deep crimson with purple hues at the rim.
Aromas	Mulberry, plum, and boysenberry fruit flavours with mocha and spice notes.
Flavours	Dark plum, and blackberry fruit flavours are mixed with, black olive, pepper and spice. Excellent structure and balance with soft acid and fine grained tannins on the finish. This vineyard is coming of age and showing some great complexity.
Technical Details	Alc/Vol 14.5% pH 3.47 Total Acidity 6.18 g/l Bottled November 2009
Cellaring	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
Food Matching	Try it with a venison, tamarind and tempeh hot pot.