

Wild Rose - Roses G

The Wild Rose series, or as Doulton originally called it "Roses G", was introduced in 1940 and it was in production until circa 1959. It was popular in its day and it is still popular today with a die hard band of collectors not only here in Australia and New Zealand, but right across the world from Canada to the UK and then back to the USA. It is quite easy to see the appeal, the magnificent old world style roses hand painted in crimson and a dusky pink through to the two tone deep blue, grey ground. Nothing looks quite as fine as a massed collection of Wild rose.

While Wild Rose is a single scene series, there are countless subtle variations to the scene as it was hand painted and no two examples are alike. There are also variations in the actual ground, often the ground that has more blue is more desired by collectors. Dating Wild Rose to an exact year is quite possible as many of the flat items have an impressed date code or have a number just to the right of the crown in the maker's mark which is also a dating code (example on right). This dating code works like this, the base year is 1927, so you add the numeral that appears just to the left of the crown to 1927 and you get the production year, in the case of the example below the numeral is a 20 so the vase from which this mark was taken was produced in 1947.

If there is no "A" in the makers mark (example above on left), then it was produced before 1942. There are two pattern numbers set against this series: -D6177 introduced circa 1940
D6227 introduced circa 1941

The Wild Rose series was put on at least 24 shapes and some of these shapes come in more than one size, like the Lygon Jug which I believe comes in 4 sizes. There is also a wall charger, I recently found one of these at a local auction, but as the colours were poor I did not bother to purchase it. By my count there are 27 different shapes and sizes to make up a full suite.

Shapes Vase Shape 8025 & 8025A shape 8025 - 23.5 cm (9.25") tall shape 8025A 18.5 cm (7.25") tall Vase Shape 8093 15 cm (6") tall Vase Shape 8106 21.5 cm (8.6") tall Vase Shape 8124 22.2 cm (8.75") Vase Shape 8125 21.5 cm (8.5") tall
Jygon Jug Come in 4 sizes 10 cm (4") tall & 12.5 cm (5") across top from edge of handle to lip of spout 18.2 cm (7.25") tall & 15 cm (6") across top from edge of handle to lip of spout Tray 33 cm (13") diameter Egerton Rack Plate diameter 26.5 cm (10.5") Arnhem Tray 290 cm (11.5") by 23.5 cm (9.25") Centre Piece - Fruit bowl - shape 8206A 30 cm (11.75") diameter & 6 cm (2.3") deep Devon Comport Two sizes 25 cm (10") diameter & 12 cm (4.7") tall 20 cm (8") & 11 cm (4.25") tall Winchester Salad Bowl 19.5 cm (7.5") diameter & 9.5 cm (3.75") deep Conway Bowl 25 cm (10") diameter & 12.5 cm (5") tall Leeds Round Fruit Bowl Diameter of 23.5 cm (9.5") & 5 cm (2") deep. Fruit Bowl - Shape 8402 21 cm (8.25") diameter & 8.2 cm (3.25") deep Dorothy Desert Plate 20 cm (8") square "Slice Tray" - shape 7979 23.4 cm (9.25") by 18 cm (7.25")
Tray - shape 8098 23 cm (9.12") by 17 cm (6.75") Sandwich Tray - shape 8099 "Cake Tray" - shape 8237 23 cm (9.25") by 19.7 cm (7.75") "Pin Tray" or "Conserve Dish" - shape 7922 13.2 cm (5.25") by 9.5 cm (3.75") "Pin Dish" or "Conserve Dish" - shape 7923 11 cm (4.25") by 9.5 cm (3.75")