



## 2006 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “Opaque purple-colored, it exhibits a captivating nose of toasty oak, truffle, mineral, violets, black pepper, blueberry compote, and blackberry. Glossy on the palate with superb depth, it exhibits gobs of savory blue and black fruits, hints of chocolate, and enough ripe tannin to evolve for 4-6 years.”

**Robert Parker, eRobertParker.com**

**February 2009**

**94 pts** “This is an undeniably impressive wine, with terrific depth of flavor and a winning combination of intensity and textural softness. Very big and very ripe, it nevertheless shows real freshness and purity in its fruit component. Dark and impressively concentrated, it easily counterbalances a prominent dose of spicy, smoky oak, which lends complexity without distracting from the beautifully ripened fruit. Certainly ready to enjoy now, this will nevertheless improve in terms of aromatic complexity for years if you can manage to keep your hands off of it.”

**Michael Franz, Wine Review Online**

**June 30, 2009**

**94 pts** “Matured in all French oak. Bottled without filtration. And grown on Kilikanoon’s “Leasingham Vineyards” in the Clare Valley. This opened up beautifully over the course of a few hours. It’s warm and intense but structured and long. It’s plummy and blackberried, chocolatey and minorly spicy. There’s a small amount of gumleaf but its rich, oozing, plum-shot heart is the dominant feature. Hay-like, toasty oak makes a welcome, positive appearance and so too does tarry heat. Soft folds of tannin assert their control on the finish. Beautiful wine in its style.”

**Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front**

**September 29, 2009**

**92 pts** “A big, rich wine with a layer of dark grilled nut aromas across dark, ripe plums, iodine and glazed berry aromas. The palate has impressive depth and richness with long, smooth tannins reaching deep and soulful through the finish. Will be great to see this with time to gather complexity.”

**Nick Stock**

**The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010**

**92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “A little reduction, but very good concentration of fruit; dark plum, spice, blackberry and tar; the palate is multilayered and abounds with a dark fruit core; chewy and long, with ironstone on the finish.

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion**

**2010**



**92 pts** “Deep ruby. Lush black and blue fruit compote, mocha and a hint of cured meat on the powerful nose. Sweet and large-scaled, but with almost surprising sappiness to the flavors of boysenberry, blueberry, mocha and minerals. A huge, textbook Australian shiraz that finishes very long and juicy.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2009**

**91 pts** “Dark and chocolaty in style, with hints of earth and espresso oozing in. This is a big, heavy, fudge-like Shiraz that comes across as impressive for its concentration if not for any sense of elegance or finesse. Might improve with aging, but might not; a gamble, so drink it over the next couple of years.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast  
February 2010**

**89 pts** “Rich and ripe, with a smoky edge to the plush cherry, blackberry and mocha flavors, lingering impressively against polished tannins. “

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator  
October 15, 2009**

**GOLD MEDAL**

**LA International Wine & Spirits Competition, 2009**

**Top 50**

**VISY 2008 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge**

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**2010 Critics Challenge**