



## 2005 KILIKANOON BLOCKS ROAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	Aged 24 months in new & older, small French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

### WINEMAKING:

The fruit for Kilikanoon's Block's Road Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on two individual estate-owned vineyards on Block's Road in the Leasingham sub-district of South Australia's Clare Valley. Planted over forty years ago, these vineyards boast Terra Rossa soils of rich, red earth over free-draining limestone, producing reds of intensity and character. The concentrated berries are hand-harvested and fermented in small batches prior to basket pressing to ensure gentle flavor and tannin extraction. Following this, the wine is matured in a combination of new and older, small French oak casks for a period of 24 months.

### TASTING NOTES:

The Block's Road Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine of true varietal character, offering aromas of liquorice and dark berries weaving through notes of lifted violet perfume and spicy cedary oak. The focused palate leads with briary blackcurrant fruit, ripe blueberries and savory dark chocolate, its spicy anise notes blending sublimely with French oak. Fine yet firm tannins and tight acidity pull the palate together beautifully for a defined and elegant finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 - 94pts James Halliday's Wine Companion

2004 - 94pts Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 92pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### ABOUT KILIKANOON:

Founded in 1997 by Kevin Mitchell, Kilikanoon is a boutique Clare Valley winery with an international reputation for producing regionally expressive, terroir-driven wines. The Kilikanoon property, featuring a circa 1860s stone cottage housing Kilikanoon tasting room, was originally settled by early English migrants who named it after an historic old mansion in Cornwall. On purchasing the property in the 1990s, Kevin Mitchell inherited 30 year old Shiraz, Cabernet, Grenache and Riesling vineyards, many of which were planted by his father, Mort, in the 1960s. Fifteen years on, with the addition of partners Nathan Waks, a principal cellist with the Sydney Symphony, and Bruce Baudinet, Managing Director of Oracle Estates, Kilikanoon is rated by US and Australian critics as one of the Clare Valley's outstanding wineries, producing bracingly intense and long-lived Rieslings, along with powerful, yet balanced, Shiraz, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon.



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