



## 2005 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	22 months in American and French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	15% alc/vol

### VITICULTURE:

The fruit for the Covenant Shiraz was hand-picked from four dry-grown premium vineyards with an average vine age of 30 to 40 years, located in the Clare Valley. Only the best parcels were selected and blended to create an elegant, terroir-based wine. Traditional methods of vinification were used with fermentation taking place in small open fermenters and gently processed through a basket press.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Kilikanoon Covenant Shiraz displays an inky, crimson red color with purple hues. The fragrant nose shows lifted aromas of plum and ripe black fruits which combine with mint, char and smoky oak characters. The full-bodied palate is richly layered and textured offering blackcurrant, chocolate and plum fruits integrated with French and American oak. The finish provides incredible length and flavor persistence.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 vintage- **92 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **90 pts**- Wine & Spirits, 2004 vintage- **94 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **91 pts**- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 2003 vintage- **94 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

### 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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