



2005 KILIKANOON THE DUKE GRENACHE

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Grenache
MATURATION:	24 months in older French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	15% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

Kilikanoon's flagship Grenache is named in memory of winemaker Kevin Mitchell's maternal grandfather, Maurice C. Duke, an early Clare Valley viticulturist and grape grower. The Duke is made in very limited quantities and is sourced entirely from a single vineyard near the township of Watervale.

WINEMAKING:

The Duke was sourced from an 80-year-old vineyard where the fruit was allowed to reach full flavor ripeness. This selection of old vine, hand-picked Grenache was vinified using traditional methods of winemaking and allowed to mature for two years in older French oak hogsheads before final bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Duke Grenache displays an intense red cherry color with youthful crimson hues. This gorgeous, aromatic wine exhibits aromas of black cherry, raspberries, and dark chocolate while the palate is broodingly dark and complex with chocolate plum flavors. Dark spice and subtle oak offer complexity and balance to the persistent, silky finish. This wine can be aged for at least a decade or more.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 vintage- **94 pts** James Halliday's Wine Companion, **90 pts** Wine Spectator

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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