



2006 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE

WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache
MATURATION: 22 months in older American & French oak hogsheads

BACKGROUND:

Fruit for Kilikanoon's Prodigal Grenache is grown on two estate-owned vineyards in the Leasingham sub-district of the Clare Valley. Planted sixty years ago by Kevin Mitchell's father, Mort, these low-yielding vines are hand-tended, producing fruit of great intensity and depth.

WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested fruit is fermented in individual-batches in small open vessels. To aid in gentle color and tannin extraction, the wine is gently basket pressed prior to maturation in new and older French and American oak for a period of 22 months.

TASTING NOTES:

This intensely perfumed wine is a noble expression of the potential of old-vine Grenache. The nose seducts with maraschino cherries, vibrant plums and sweet milk chocolate backed by subtle mature oak spices. Ripe fruited and generous, the upfront palate delivers juicy mulberries and kirsch, lifted lavender perfume and bright acidity. Subtle oak support and supple tannins allow the depth of the fruit to shine, finishing long and intense.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91pts 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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