



## 2007 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:	14.2% 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:

Appearing brick red in color with youthful crimson hues this Cabernet has an intensely fragrant nose featuring notes of cassis and blackcurrant with just a hint of tobacco leaf and scented, spicy French oak. The palate is focused and complex with a real textural backbone, melding dark fruits, tobacco leaf and fine French oak to create a satisfyingly balanced wine with a long lingering finish. Ageing potential is at least 12-15 years with careful cellaring.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts - Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 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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