



2007 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	22 months in American and French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.7% 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 2007 Covenant is bright red in color with youthful crimson hues. The nose exudes intense notes of licorice, coffee grinds and savory, black olives married with spicy French oak char. Dark, spicy aromas carry over impressively to the palate. Its seamless mouthfeel and textural qualities combine seductively with the oak to provide a lingering, fine grained finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts The Wine Spectator, **92 pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **89 pts** 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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