



2007 KILIKANOON MORT'S RESERVE RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Riesling
FERMENTATION:	Stainless Steel
ALCOHOL:	12.5% alc/vol

VITICULTURE:

The Clare Valley remains boutique in stature and philosophy, despite having developed an envied reputation for producing mineral-driven, age-worthy Rieslings that compete effortlessly on the world stage. The Mort's Reserve Riesling, Kilikanoon's flagship Riesling, is sourced in equal parts from the Mort's Block and Khileyre Vineyard in the Watervale sub-district of Clare Valley. Planted by Kevin's father, Mort, in the 1960s, these dry-grown, hand-tended vines now produce a wine that beautifully encapsulates the sheer power and finesse present in the finest examples of Australian Riesling.

TASTING NOTES:

Free-run juice from hand-harvested fruit undergoes a cool ferment in stainless steel to preserve the bright, primary fruit flavors inherent in this noble grape. The result is a wine of brilliant clarity, water-white with subtle green tints. Fragrant meyer lemon dominates the nose, complemented by intense citrus oils and distinct mineral notes. The long, focused palate offers concentrated lime, lemon verbena and bright natural acidity, resulting in a wine of power, elegance and great persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92pts Stephen Tanzer, 91pts Robert Parker, 90pts Wine & Spirits

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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