



2007 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	24 months in new & 1-year-old French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

In most years at Kilikanoon, our Oracle Shiraz has set the benchmark for quality and style and has done so since our first wines were released back in 1998. The 2007 Oracle has delivered on its promise, with the creation of one of the finest and most distinctive Clare Valley Shirazes of the vintage. Despite experiencing drought conditions during the 2006/2007 growing season, we have managed to create a wine with outstanding intensity of flavor, palate weight and texture.

TASTING NOTES:

Rich and ripe notes of licorice, dark cherries, mocha and chocolate dominate the nose. The expressive palate combines spiced bramble notes, licorice and French oak complexity. Plum and berry fruits integrate with firm tannins leading to a smooth finish. The natural acidity and subtle oak characters provide length, complexity and persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Robert Parker, 90 pts Wine & Spirits Magazine

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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