



2008 KILIKANOON LACKEY SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in seasoned American & French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

'Lackey' is an affectionate Australian term referring to a hardworking laborer of agreeable character who is generally assigned to menial tasks, yet none-the-less gets the job done without the merest sign of a complaint. In a similar fashion, Australian Shiraz has long been considered the workhorse of the Australian wine industry – undeniably full of personality, and the ideal candidate to get the job done, regardless of the situation! This hard working 'lackey' of a wine punches well above its weight in personality and complexity.

TASTING NOTES:

Kilikanoon has selected premium parcels of Shiraz fruit from South Australian regions to craft an unassuming wine of upfront character and appeal. Brick red in color with youthful crimson hues, the nose displays rich dark fruits, spicy plums, licorice and scented charr oak. The palate over-delivers, packing a punch with ripe, spicy plums, dark cherries and quality oak to provide a richly rewarding and lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts Wine Enthusiast, 87 pts Wine Spectator

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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