



2009 KILIKANOON MORT'S BLOCK RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Riesling
FERMENTATION:	Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS:	12.5% alc/vol 2.93 pH 1.7g/L RS 7.52g/L TA

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. Kilikanoon's Mort's Block Riesling, one of the cornerstones of Kilikanoon's portfolio, showcases the distinct flavors and characters so unique to the Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley. Traditional, low-intervention viticulture is practiced to ensure the character and longevity of this single vineyard wine, produced from low-yielding, forty-year-old Riesling vines, is well preserved.

TASTING NOTES:

After an unexpected burst of hot weather in late January, the 2009 vintage settled down to provide one of the best ripening seasons of the last decade. The 2009 Mort's Block Riesling is an intense, racy wine that showcases the strength of Clare Valley with this varietal. Green apple, lemon blossom and bath salts dominate the nose. The taut palate shows grapefruit and lemon pith with a stony mineral edge and crisp, natural acidity. While irresistible now, this wine will age beautifully for 10+ years, developing toasty, honeyed characters.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Spectator Insider, 91 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 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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