



## 2009 KILIKANOON PARABLE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	22 months in American & French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS:	14.6% alc/vol   6.2 g/L TA   3.49 pH

### BACKGROUND:

Fruit for Kilikanoon's Parable Shiraz is grown on an estate-owned vineyard in South Australia's McLaren Vale. Here, the warm climate is highly maritime, with vineyards rolling gently toward the Gulf of St Vincent on Australia's southern coast. The soils consist of sandy, silty loams over clay and deep, back alluvial silt over clay.

### WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested fruit is fermented in individual-batches in small open vessels. To aid in gentle color and tannin extraction, the wine is gently basket pressed prior to maturation in new and older French and American oak for a period of 22 months.

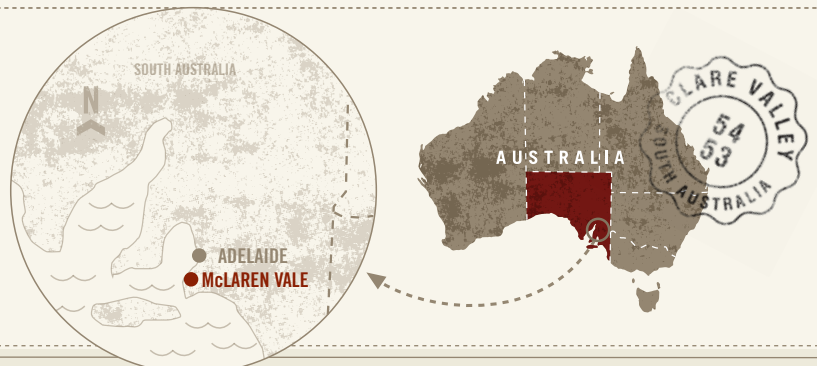
### TASTING NOTES:

The Parable clearly illustrates the role and influence of the maritime climate of McLaren Vale, contrasting sharply with the Testament Shiraz (Barossa Valley) and Covenant Shiraz (Clare Valley). Spicy plum fruits and French oak char dominate the nose with subtle mocha notes. Sweet plums, coffee and fine oak flavors carry over to the expressively crafted palate.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 94 pts Australian Wine Companion, 93 pts eRobertparker.com, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 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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