



2010 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 1.3g/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:

The 2010 Clare Valley vintage provided a welcome return to the normal seasons of old. Consistently warm days and cool nights, along with the region's distinct elevation and terroir has created an intensely flavored and focused Mort's Block Riesling. Aromatic and overt, the nose is a riot of lemons and limes, florals and delicate perfumes. The palate combines generous lemon and lime flavors with a fresh core of tightly wound natural acidity, leading on to a satisfying, lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

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

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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