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2012 KILIKANOON BLOCK'S ROAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
ANALYSIS:	14.0% alc/vol

WINEMAKING:

The 2012 Clare Valley vintage has widely been described as one of the best in the last decade. The mainly dry conditions, warm days and cool nights slowed down the ripening process and allowed all the Cabernet parcels to achieve optimal flavour accumulation. Quickly becoming one of the leading varieties in the Clare Valley, selected parcels of fruit were hand harvested from two 42 year old vineyards in the Leasingham sub region of the valley, before traditional vinification, basket pressing and 18 months maturation in a combination of seasoned and new French oak hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES:

Lifted notes of cassis, cedary oak, cigar box and earthen spices seamlessly combine on the nose. The fully ripened yet elegantly proportioned palate, superbly blends the combined flavors of cassis, chocolate, smoky French oak and finely grained tannins in a satisfying and lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts International Wine Cellar 91 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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