



## 2009 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE

**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Mitchell  
**REGION:** Clare Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Grenache  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.46 g/L | pH: 3.47

### VINTAGE:

The 2009 vintage was one of the best over the past few years, with a long protracted ripening period allowing terrific concentration of color, tannins and flavors. The favorable growing conditions beautifully enhanced the development of the variety's trademark seductive intensity, perfume and balance.

### WINEMAKING:

Made from a blend of two, sixty year old, single Grenache vineyards from the Watervale sub region of the Clare Valley; aged for twenty months in older third and fourth fill French oak hogsheads and bottled unfinned and unfiltered to preserve the variety's unique character and charm.

### TASTING NOTES:

Red brick in color with subtle crimson hues. The nose exposes lifted notes of dark cherries, garden blossoms, chocolate and oak spices. The palate is a melting pot of dark chocolate, cocoa and cherries with a hint of subtle French oak char. The seamless palate is further enhanced by its natural acidity, general freshness and fine, natural tannins.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90+ pts The Wine Advocate, 90 pts 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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