



2009 KILIKANOON BAROSSA VALLEY 'R' SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	Kevin Mitchell
REGION :	Barossa Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz
MATURATION :	28 months in small, 100% new French oak casks
ALCOHOL :	14.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

Fruit for Kilikanoon's Barossa Valley 'R' Shiraz is grown on two estate-owned vineyards in the Barossa Valley; the Crowhurst and Green's vineyards. Lying 75 miles south of Kilikanoon's Clare Valley vineyards, the Barossa climate is somewhat warmer and a great deal more continental. The soils also vary, from the rustic Terra Rossa and slate soils of Clare to sandy, red loams lying over clay in the Barossa.

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 100% new French oak for a period of 28 months.

TASTING NOTES :

A wine of tremendous power and complexity, typical of Barossa Valley reds, the nose loudly proclaims its varietal heritage with plum fruits, dark chocolate, and five spice. The textured palate follows suit with rich plum, mulberries and molasses, integrated charred oak spice and fine, yet firm tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

95 pts/*Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast*, 93+pts *The Wine Advocate*, 92 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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