



2010 KILIKANOON MORT'S RESERVE RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | .12% RS | 7.33g/L TA | 2.94 pH

VITICULTURE:

The Clare Valley remains boutique in stature and philosophy, despite having developed an envied reputation for producing mineral-driven, age-worthy Rieslings. The Mort's Reserve Riesling is sourced in equal parts from the Mort's Block and Khileyre Vineyard in the Watervale sub-district of the Clare Valley. Planted by Kevin's father, Mort, in the 1960s, these dry-grown, hand-tended vines now produce a wine that encapsulates the sheer power and finesse present in the finest examples of Australian Riesling. Watervale soils are typified by fertile red brown loams overlying limestone sub layers; soil profiles that lend themselves to growing Riesling of exceptional distinction and character.

TASTING NOTES:

The Mort's Reserve sets the internal benchmark for the best Kilikanoon Riesling cuvee of the vintage. The result is a wine of brilliant clarity, almost translucent in color with subtle green tints. An intensely focused nose, uplifted and aromatic, delicate and sensual. Overt and flavorsome, yet restrained, the palate combines fresh citrus zing, lemon lime depth and tightly wound natural acidity that all comes together in a long and satisfying finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts/Top 100 Wine & Spirits, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 92 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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