



## 2012 KILIKANOON MORT'S BLOCK RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Riesling
FERMENTATION:	Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS:	12.5% alc/vol   .14% RS   3.04 pH   6.73 g/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. Watervale (a Clare Valley sub-region) 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. All fruit was hand harvested during late February, typically yielding around the two to three tons per acre.

### TASTING NOTES:

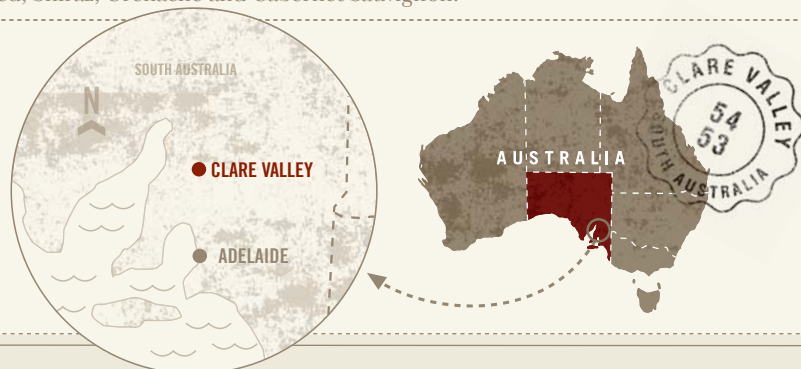
One of the coolest summer and harvest seasons for a decade has shaped one of the most intensely flavored and crisply structured Mort's Block Rieslings since 2002. Aromatic and overt, the nose is a riot of lemons and limes, florals and delicate perfumes. The palate combines generous lemon and lime flavors with a fresh core of tightly wound natural acidity, leading on to a satisfying, lingering finish. This wine's core of natural acidity will provide terrific balance, great palate length and satisfaction for the next 20 years with proper cellaring.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

94 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's 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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