



## 2012 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: 5.44 g/L | pH: 3.49

### VINTAGE:

An excellent all round season, 2012 was defined as a warm and temperate vintage, the Indian summer conditions perfect for allowing the late maturing vines to fully ripen whilst the cool evening temperatures promoted fruit freshness and varietal intensity.

### 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:

Heady garden scents, dark chocolate and cherry plums seductively come together on the nose, beautifully supported by lightly toasted French oak notes. A swirling melting pot of cocoa, cherry plums, and spicy oak char seamlessly combine with its fine natural acidity and silky tannins. A palate with serious ageing potential.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

**91 pts** International Wine Cellar, **90+ pts** The Wine Advocate, **90 pts/BEST BUY** Wine & Spirits, **88 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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