



## 2012 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Kevin Mitchell
<b>REGION:</b>	Clare Valley, South Australia
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	Shiraz
<b>MATURATION:</b>	20 months in new and 1-year old French oak hogsheads
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.5% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND:

In every year since Kilikanoon released its first wines, the very best of the Clare Valley's terroir has been captured in the Oracle Shiraz. Made traditionally from older vines grown along Kilikanoon's Golden Hillside in Leasingham, it continues to display opulence, unique regional expression and varietal power. A standout vintage, 2012 has been compared very closely with the famous 2002 vintage, with the ripening and harvest conditions consisting of warm days, cool nights with minimal rainfall and no disease pressure what so ever; perfect ingredients in the production of long lived, flavorsome Shiraz wines.

### TASTING NOTES:

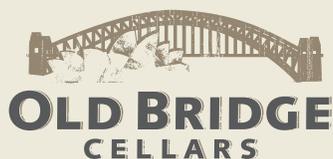
Elevated notes of ripe plums, dark chocolate, exotic spices and charry oak influences on the nose. The palate is balanced and focused with flavors of fresh berries, cherry plums and dark chocolate, beautifully enhanced and complexed by the long lived natural tannins and classy French oak. A wine easily consumed whilst young but with clear rewards to those you choose to cellar for longer.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts Vinous, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

### 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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