

2011 KILIKANOON MORT'S RESERVE RIESLING

Review Summary



96 pts “Kilikanoon, in the hamlet of Penwortham, was founded in 1997 by winemaker Kevin Mitchell. Mort’s Reserve – only made in the finest vintages – is mainly from the Mort’s Block vineyard, named after Mitchell’s father who tended the vines there for more than 40 years. It is also blended with fruit from higher-altitude Khileyre vineyard.”

Decanter
April 2018

95 pts “Pale straw, vivid hue; an altogether tightly wound and mineral accented bouquet, offering mere glimpses of lime, florals and riverstone; the palate is beautifully poised and precise, linear and mouth puckeringly racy, needing some time to reveal its true beauty; certainly worth the wait.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2013

94 pts “I am hopelessly besotted with the classic, fine-strung purity that so many Clare Rieslings have achieved in 2011, and here is another! A wine of great fruit concentration and structure, built around a core of intense lemon and lime zest, with notes of red apple and quince. It builds incrementally in the mouth, to great levels of fruit impact, riding on a razor-sharp edge of bracing acidity that will deliver it to a wonderful place in years to come.”

Tony Stelzer
TonyStelzer.com
January 19, 2012

91 pts “This has the petrol notes to it but there is also a smattering of nuttiness, straw and dried honeysuckle, complementing the cantaloupe melon candy. Medium-bodied with tangy acidity and some round stone fruit. A finish with a hint of butterscotch aftertaste.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
August 15, 2018



91 pts – CELLAR SELECTION “Lean and tightly focused, this looks like one for the cellar—try it around 2018 if you can wait. Right now, it shows modest, restrained citrus fruit, hints of wet stone and a wickedly long, sinewy finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
September 2013

91 pts “Green-tinged straw. Lemongrass, lime and jasmine on the assertively perfumed nose and in the mouth. Dry and taut, offering vibrant citrus and orchard fruit flavors that put on weight with aeration. Finishes very long, with impressive clarity and cut, leaving chalk and bitter lime pith notes behind.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

91 pts “Light, bright and vibrant, with pear and lime aromas, picking up a floral note as the finish zips.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator Insider
February 22, 2012

90 pts “Extreme dry white with searing acidity and flint, mineral character. Sliced lemons.”

James Suckling
JamesSuckling.com
June 20, 2012

90 pts “The 2011 Mort’s Reserve Riesling offers aromas of orange blossom and fresh pear slices with hints of white pepper, apples and almonds. Light to medium bodied, dry with plenty of mineral and fresh pear flavors, it finishes long.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com
February 2012

GOLD MEDAL

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2017

GOLD MEDAL – Best Riesling in Show

Sommelier Challenge 2012



GOLD MEDAL – Best Current Vintage and Best Riesling

2011 Clare Wine Show

“Fine floral aromas lead to a medium-bodied, sprightly palate with outstanding richness and minerality. The finish is succulent yet salty.”

**David Furer, Sommelier Journal
May 31, 2013**

“...favorite Riesling examples from the Clare Valley...marked by racy acidity, fabulous textural aspects, tightly wound lime fruit, and beguiling nutty, honeyed and petrol-like aromas.”

**Joe Roberts, 1WineDude.com
May 22, 2012**

