

2013 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE



WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	18 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL:	14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES: It was always going to be hard to eclipse the 2012 vintage, widely regarded as the best in a decade, but the 2013 season has delivered an almost exceptional Cabernet year, with the cool nights, warm days and mostly dry conditions perfect in slowing down the ripening process, elevating the distinctive regional fruit characters, varietal complexity and elegant tannin structures. Selected parcels of fruit were hand harvested from two 43 year old vineyards in the Leasingham sub region of the valley, before traditional vinification, basket pressing and 18 months maturation in a combination of seasoned and new French oak hogsheads.

TASTING NOTES: Classy notes of red fruits, cigar box, tight cedary oak and hints of garden mint seductively combine on the nose. The palate is beautifully crafted featuring flavors of blackcurrants, red fruits and chocolates, well supported by subtle oak chariness and fine grained tannins in a lingering and satisfying finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Vinous, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 91 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.

