

2013 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Grenache
MATURATION: 16 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES: 2013 was another good year for Grenache; the vintage was mostly trouble free, the warm dry days and cool nights influenced by the regions unique topography and elevation promoting fruit freshness, elegance and flavor intensity.

WINEMAKING: Made as a final blend from two old Watervale vineyards, each parcel was vinified separately, basket pressed and allowed to mature for 16 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads before final bottling unfinned and unfiltered to preserve the variety's unique character and charm.

TASTING NOTES: Lifted aromas of black cherries, rose petal and dark cocoa come together, finely complemented by hints of subtle oak spices. The palate is beautifully balanced and textural in structure, the seductive flavors of dark cherries, rich chocolate, sweet kirsch and spicy French oak seamlessly combine with the polished tannins and fine bodied acidity that Grenache is renowned for.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Vinous

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.

