

2015 KILIKANNOON ORACLE SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in new and one year old French oak barrels
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES: 2015 was a slightly warmer year than the previous one with the elevated topography of the Golden Hillside vineyards keeping evening temperatures lower and slowing the ripening process down. A classic Shiraz vintage in Clare.

WINEMAKING: A number of low-yielding parcels were vinified separately using traditional winemaking techniques, then aged for 18 months in a selection of new and one year old, small French oak casks. The final cuvee was assembled and bottled, both unfiltered and unfiltered, in January 2016.

TASTING NOTES: Richly focussed and hedonistic. Aromas of dark chocolate, ripe plums, truffles, kitchen spices and cedary oak char. The concentration, focus and textural qualities of this wine showcase its enduring legacy. Ripe juicy plums, dark chocolate, Turkish delight, fresh licorice and tarry complexity, the classy oak and powdery tannins provide a lingering feature of the captivating finish of the wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT KILIKANNOON: 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.

