

2017 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



95 pts "A mesh of premium vineyard fruit and an 18-month passage across quality French oak, this is a salubrious, full-bodied and glossy wine. A deep crimson verging on opaque. A firm bulwark of coffee grind-mocha tannins prolongs scents of violet, blue to black berry persuasions and crushed rock, long and far across the palate. The tannins define, etch and shape this, keeping it from an OTT persuasion. Just. Very good, if hedonism is your cup of tea."

Ned Goodwin Halliday Wine Companion August 1, 2020

94 pts "Even better than the impressive 2016, Kilikanoon's 2017 Covenant Shiraz offers up aromas of violets, blackberries and blueberries. It's full-bodied yet vibrant, a bit Cornas-like (but without the granitic base), with fine, silky tannins and a lingering finish. It can be consumed with pleasure anytime over the next decade or so."

Joe Czerwinski Robert Parker Wine Advocate February 13, 2020

91 pts "This cool-climate Shiraz is meaty, with an umami savoriness that backs plump dark fruit and plums. Fleshy, fresh fruit on the palate is underpinned by roasting herbs and spices that linger on the finish, wound by granular tannins. Crack open with lamb chops or a herb-and-salt-crusted steak."

Christina Pickard Wine Enthusiast April 30, 2022