









2006 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell

REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia

VARIETALS: Shiraz

MATURATION: 24 months in new & 1-year-old French oak hogsheads

ALCOHOL: 15% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

Fruit for the Oracle Shiraz, one of Kilikanoon's flagship wines, is grown on the forty-year-old Mort's Block vineyard, located in the Leasingham sub-district of the Calre Valley. Planted in the 1960s by Kevin's father, Mort, these vines have been dry-grown and hand-tended by Mort himself in the 40 years since. Here, on rich Terra Rossa soils, the vines thrive in the warm, moderately continental climate to produce wines of great complexity and depth of flavor.

TASTING NOTES:

Hand-harvested fruit is fermented in small batches in shallow, open topped vessels prior to traditional basket pressing to ensure gentle flavor and color extraction. 24 months maturation in new French oak hogsheads ensures complete oak integration prior to blending. The result is a powerful Shiraz revealing sweet plum and berry fruits on the nose with hints of coffee, chocolate and menthol. The richly textured palate leads with blackberry and mulberry fruits while carob and licorice notes weave between fragrant oak spice and firm, silky tannins. Abundant natural acidity, great depth of flavor and supreme balance ensure this wine will age gracefully.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2006 vintage - 95pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts Wine Sepctator 2005 vintage - 92pts Robert Parker, 92pts Stephen Tanzer, Best Shiraz Worldwide, London International Wine Challenge

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.





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