



2007 KILIKANOON THE LACKEY CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: South Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ALCOHOL: 13% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

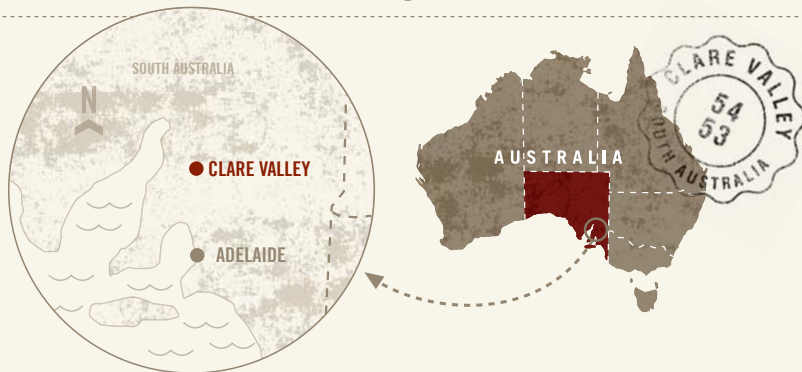
'Lackey' is an affectionate Australian term referring to a hardworking laborer of agreeable character who is generally assigned to menial tasks, yet none-the-less gets the job done without the merest sign of a complaint. In a similar fashion, Chardonnay is the most widely planted, and hardest working, premium white varietal in Australia. Its approachable character fits perfectly alongside its sibling, the Lackey Shiraz, both of these hardworking wines punching well above their weight in personality and quality.

TASTING NOTES:

Kilikanoon has selected premium parcels of Chardonnay from South Australian regions to craft a wine of unassuming and upfront character and appeal. This fruit forward example of Australian Chardonnay leads with loads of citrus, ripe pear and stonefruit aromas backed by subtle nutmeg spice nuances. The full-bodied palate is likewise upfront, showing red apple and peach stone, creamed honey, hints of spice and a backbone of refreshing acidity.

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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