



2007 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Grenache
MATURATION:	20 months in older French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL:	14.9% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

Fruit for Kilikanoon's Prodigal Grenache is grown on two, sixty-year-old estate-owned vineyards from the Watervale sub-district of Clare Valley. Originally planted by Kevin Mitchell's father, Mort, these low-yielding vines are hand-tended, producing fruit of great intensity and depth.

WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested fruit is fermented in individual-batches in small open vessels. To aid in gentle color and tannin extraction, the wine is gently basket pressed prior to maturation in new and older French oak for twenty months and then bottled unfinned and unfiltered to preserve the varietal's unique character and charm.

TASTING NOTES:

The nose is seductively perfumed yet brimming over with notes of chocolate, cherries and kirsch while beautifully supported by older French oak spice. The palate is richly textured and full of flavor, yet possessing the elegance that only old vine Grenache can deliver. Old Gold chocolate and dark cherries combine with the dusty French oak char to a persistent and rewarding finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Robert Parker, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer

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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