

# 2017 KILIKANOON COVENANT SHIRAZ



**WINEMAKER:** Peter Warr  
**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:** A very cool and protracted vintage, with rain falling regularly before and over the harvest period. The cool, wet ripening conditions pushed the harvest dates to the end of April, and resulted in delicate wines of elegance and finesse.

**WINEMAKING:** Crushed into stainless steel tanks, the grapes were allowed to warm and naturally begin fermentation. Once completed, the skins were pressed and the wine placed into new and seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months. Once each batch softened, a blend that shows the refinement and richness of cooler climate shiraz was compiled but selecting barrels out of each batch.

**TASTING NOTES:** Pitch black with a deep dark red black hue. Potently scented, the nose is flooded with ripe blackberry, licorice and black cherry. Incredibly rich and intense, black cherry and blackberry explode across the palate. Lying underneath are elements of smoky vanilla, cedar, fennel, traces of black olive and pepper. Opulent yet muscular in its feel with robust tannins providing the framework. Outstanding power finishing very long, rich and structured. Drink over the next 8-10 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts Halliday Wine Compantion, 94 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast

**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. On purchase of the historic property in 1997, mature vineyards of Shiraz, Cabernet, Grenache and Riesling that had been planted by Kevin's father, Mort in the 1960s, became a part of Kilikanoon, and now form the heart of the estate vineyards. Peter Warr joined the winery in late 2018 after traveling the world honing his craft and is now responsible for carrying on Mort and Kevin's legacy at this treasured Clare Valley estate. 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.

