



2009 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	24 months in new & 1-year-old French oak hogsheads
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol TA: 5.64 g/L pH: 3.58

BACKGROUND:

In every year since Kilikanoon released its first wines, the very best of the Clare Valley's terroir has been captured in the Oracle Shiraz. Made traditionally from older vines grown along Kilikanoon's golden hillside in Leasingham, it continues to display opulence, unique regional expression and varietal power. The 2009 vintage was one of the best for a number of years, a cooler year that delivered wines of outstanding color, fruit flavor intensity and aging potential.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2009 Oracle is brick red in color with youthful crimson hues. The nose is a barrage of aromas of dark fruits, chocolate and licorice notes with oak char undertones. The palate is richly textured and flavored with notes consistent with the nose that blend divinely with fine-grained tannins and well balanced acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

96 pts Australian Wine Companion, 93+ pts eRobertParker.com, 92 pts - Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine Spectator

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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