

2016 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak hogsheads (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol

BACKGROUND: Named after a legendary Clare Valley squatter, Killerman, who planted and tended vines on a paddock adjoining the Kilikanoon property and as legend has it, made his own wines in a galvanised iron lean-to.

WINEMAKING: The grapes are sourced from the cool climate vineyards of the Clare Valley, South Australia. Hand-selected fruit parcels, maturation in new and older small French oak hogsheads for up to two years and attention to final blending has ensured a wine of great poise and balance.

TASTING NOTES: Fresh, lifted aromas of cassis, red fruits, tobacco leaf and toasty French oak on the nose. The palate shows classic Clare Valley Cabernet flavors of red and purple fruits with subtle mint nuances. Naturally retained acidity and fine grained tannins further enhance the wine's character and ageability.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

