

2016 KILIKANOO

KILLERMAN'S RUN SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 16 months in 100% French oak barriques (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 14.5% 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: Low yielding grapes from premium vineyards were hand-selected from exclusively Clare Valley vineyards then vinified by traditional winemaking methods and matured in small French barriques before careful blending and bottling unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES: Aromas of dark cherries, fresh licorice, and smoky oak infuse the nose. The palate is richly textured and carries forward the flavors of cherries and licorice from the nose as well as additional layers of chocolate and cedar. The wine has finely balanced tannins and finishes with persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT KILIKANOO: 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.

