

2017 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | 0.23% RS

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.

VINTAGE NOTES: 2017 was a cool and protracted vintage. It also started late which had many of the older growers comparing it to the Clare Valley growing seasons of the 1970s and 1980s. Higher than average rainfall with cooler nights and mild days slowed the ripening process leading to excellent flavor development.

TASTING NOTES: A lifted and intense nose featuring fresh limes, lemon curd and Granny Smith apples in abundance. A classic Clare Valley Riesling in every sense, beautifully poised and measured, the combination of fresh limes and lemon essence is supported by crisp natural acidity and a green apple finish. Cellar with confidence for at least 10 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts JamesSuckling.com, 90 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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.

