

2017 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 16 months in new and seasoned French oak barriques
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: Enhanced aromatics of dark fruits, kitchen spices, fresh tar and cedary oak notes feature prominently on the nose. Impressive structure, complexity and generosity of flavor a hallmark of this Shiraz, the dark fruit and spice flavors carry over confidently from the nose, beautifully balanced and supported by subtle oak, natural tannins and acid infusion in a long sculptured palate.

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.

