

2019 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.5% 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 NOTES: Fermented at cool temperatures for 3 weeks with an aromatic yeast strain. The ferment was arrested prior to complete dryness to give a hint of additional texture and roundness nicely balanced by naturally retained, crisp acidity. Made in a classic Clare Valley regional style primarily from carefully selected vineyards in the Watervale sub region.

TASTING NOTES: Lifted and intense, featuring fresh limes, floral notes, 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 carries forward from the nose superbly supported by crisp natural acidity and a green apple finish. Cellar with confidence for at least 10 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 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.

