

# 2018 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN GSM



**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Mitchell  
**REGION:** Clare Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Grenache (50%), Shiraz (40%), Mourvedre (10%)  
**MATURATION:** 16 months in seasoned French oak hogsheads  
**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 French hogsheads before careful blending and bottling. Unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES:** A seamless and rewarding southern Rhone styled blend. Elevated and brimming full of dark fruits and spices. The majority Grenache providing cherry fruits, toffee and perfume, the Shiraz, robustness and structure whilst the 10 percent Mataro giving length, persistence and a savory twist to the finish. An excellent food wine that will further reward with additional cellaring.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 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.

