

2017 KILIKANOON PRODIGAL GRENACHE



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 18 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol

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.

WINEMAKING: The backbone of this wine is sourced from the Blocks Road vineyards surrounding the winery, supported with fruit from selected grower and estate blocks in Leasingham and Penwortham.

TASTING NOTES: Elegant aromas of cassis, potpourri, tobacco leaf and charry cedar oak. The palate carries the aromas from the bouquet along with dried herbs, and black fruits. Firm fine grained tannins give length and structure, while measured use of oak provides a soft, round finish. Drawing on traditional winemaking techniques of open fermentation, hand plunging and basket pressing for gentle color, flavor and tannin extraction. Each parcel was kept separate until final blending after eighteen months in a selection of new and seasoned French oak barrels.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2016 vintage: 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

