

2016 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Peter Warr
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in new and one year old French oak barrels
ALCOHOL: 14.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES: 2016 was a classically cool and damp Clare Valley vintage with lower than average daytime temperatures and periodic rainfall occurring before and over the harvest time. This slowed the ripening process and allowed the winemaking team to harvest each parcel at optimal maturity.

WINEMAKING: Low yielding parcels of Shiraz were selected from each vineyard based on concentration of flavors. Each parcel was then vinified separately using traditional winemaking techniques, before being aged for eighteen months in a careful selection of new and seasoned French oak casks.

TASTING NOTES: Aromas of black olive tapenade and forest berries with licorice, cinnamon and clove. The palate is rich and powerful dark berries and bright red fruits up front that give way to savory charcuterie with hints of dark chocolate and sweet spice. Fine, powdery tannins give length and drive to the fruit before a velvety finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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. On purchase of the historic property in 1997, mature vineyards of Shiraz, Cabernet, Grenache and Riesling that had been planted by Kevin's father, Mort in the 1960s, became a part of Kilikanoon, and now form the heart of the estate vineyards. Peter Warr joined the winery in late 2018 after traveling the world honing his craft and is now responsible for carrying on Mort and Kevin's legacy at this treasured Clare Valley estate. 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.

