

2018 KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Kevin Mitchell
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 16 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL: 14.0% 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: The grapes are sourced from the cool climate vineyards of the Clare Valley, South Australia. Hand-selected fruit parcels, maturation in new and older small French oak hogsheads for up to two years and attention to final blending has ensured a wine of great poise and balance.

TASTING NOTES: The aromas of blackcurrant, cassis, tobacco leaf and subtle French oak char combine sweetly on the nose. Richly flavored and textured, the classic cassis and leaf notes carry through confidently from the nose onto the palate, beautifully supported by fine grained natural tannins, smoky oak influences and balanced acidity. Its long and succulent finish will provide added complexity if given additional time in the cellar.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 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's tasting room, was originally settled by early English migrants who named it after an historic old mansion in Cornwall. 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.

