

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, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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.

