

# 2018 KILIKANOON LACKEY SHIRAZ



**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Mitchell  
**REGION:** Clare Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 14 months in seasoned French oak  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% alc/vol

**BACKGROUND:** 'Lackey' is an affectionate Australian term referring to a hardworking laborer of agreeable character who is generally assigned to menial tasks, yet none-the-less gets the job done without the merest sign of a complaint. In a similar fashion, Australian Shiraz has long been considered the workhorse of the Australian wine industry - undeniably full of personality, and the ideal candidate to get the job done, regardless of the situation! This hard working 'lackey' of a wine punches well above its weight in personality and complexity.

**WINEMAKING:** Small parcels of Shiraz were selected across two vineyards at their optimal levels of ripeness, vinified separately in small open topped fermenters, each pumped over by hand before being basketed pressed into a selection of seasoned French oak. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES:** The aromas of spicy plum and red fruit notes jump out of the glass, assisted by subtle French oak chariness and cedary overtones. A fine yet textural palate, the flavors of ripe plums, dark cherries, hints of cocoa powder and tar perfectly combine with the natural acidity and balanced tannins in a long and persistent finish.

**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.

