

# 2014 KILIKANOON ATTUNGA 1865 SHIRAZ



**WINEMAKER:** Kevin Mitchell  
**REGION:** Clare Valley, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in new and one year old French oak barrels  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.0% alc/vol

**BACKGROUND:** This Single Vineyard wine is crafted from a small patch of vines in the sub region of Watervale. Planted in 1865, this dry-grown vineyard produces a limited number of small bunches that are packed with power, flavor and elegance. Only released in outstanding seasons, the Attunga Shiraz is a testimony to vision, hard work and endurance.

**WINEMAKING:** Hand harvested at just over 14 degrees baumé (25 brix), the fruit was gently crushed after individual berry sorting to a small, wooden open topped fermenter. The ferment was pumped over by hand twice daily for ten days, before gently basket pressing to a selection of new and one-year-old French oak hogsheads. The wine was allowed to mature in barrel for eighteen months before final bottling – both unfinned and unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES:** Lifted and exotic, the nose is an infusion of herbs, tar, savory meats and dark fruits swirling, supported by charry French oak complexity. This is an Attunga of seamless texture and elegance, dark cherries and red fruited structure with a coherence that beautifully interlocks finely tuned tannins and understated yet classy French oak.

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

