

2017 KILIKANOON MORT'S RESERVE RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Peter Warr
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | RS: 1.1 g/L | TA 8.8 g/L

BACKGROUND: A true Single Vineyard wine, sourced solely from the famed Mort's Block vineyard in Watervale. Planted in 1970, the red loamy topsoil over a deep limestone base and east-west row orientation are the perfect resources from which to craft this wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Fruit for the Reserve was picked on the 7th of March, a week earlier than the rest of Mort's Block. The whole bunches were then gently pressed, and the juice cold settled for 3 days before being racked to a stainless-steel tank for fermentation. This took place over 20 days at cool temperatures to retain the delicate aromatics of the wine.

TASTING NOTES: Made in a true reserve style, the nose is fragrant with fresh limes, hints of sweet melon, lemon curd and a restrained floral elegance. The palate bursts with flavors of freshly cut limes, lemon meringue, grapefruit rind and a tightly wound core of piercing natural acidity deliver above all expectations. A fine, long and persistent palate that is built to age.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 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.

