

2018 KILIKANOON BLOCKS ROAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Peter Warr
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 18 months in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES: With low winter rainfall and a warm start to spring, the 2018 season was keenly anticipated after the harsh conditions of the prior season. The warm weather saw bud burst occurring a couple of weeks prior to previous years and continued into the New Year with a welcomed few days of rain in mid-January to revitalise the vines. These ideal conditions saw the fruit fully ripen with in one of the lowest environmental stress years for quite some time.

WINEMAKING: The backbone of this wine is sourced from the Blocks Road vineyards surrounding the winery, supported with fruit from selected grower and estate blocks in Leasingham and Penwortham.

TASTING NOTES: Vibrant aromas of black currant, fresh thyme and tomato leaf. The palate is silky smooth highlighting more black fruit, tobacco and dried herbs. A refreshingly bright style of Cabernet Sauvignon.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 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. 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.

