

2022 KILIKANOON MORT'S BLOCK RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Peter Warr
REGION: Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND: This Riesling is made mainly from grapes grown in the historic vineyard planted in 1969 by Kilikanoon's founder, Mort Mitchell. Grapes from Morrison vineyard on the opposite hill are also employed to add complexity to the final blend. One of the classic whites from Australia.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Parcels were picked over the course of a week at ideal stages and were loaded directly into the waiting presses at the winery. The bright free run juice was allowed to drain and held separately, prior to gently pressing the grapes. Settled naturally, the clarified juice was allowed to warm and commence fermentation. The ferment was held at low temperatures to retain the soft aromas and fine acid line.

TASTING NOTES: Pale straw in color, with brilliant clarity. On the nose, fresh lime and apple, with subtle notes of white jasmine and honeysuckle. A firm, delicate acid profile with ripe flavors that mimic the aromas, and culminate in a pristine, chalky finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 90 pts Decanter

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 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.

