

# 2018 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:** 14.5% 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 18 months before final bottling. Unfined and unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES:** A dark and brooding nose, with fennel, chocolate, hints of wood smoke superbly interwoven. Opulently textured but offering surprising balance and poise, the primary flavors of dark chocolate, cherry plums and licorice impressively arrive then seamlessly lead into a long finish wrapped in smoky savories, finely positioned tannins and positive acid structure. A wine to enjoy now, and capable of cellaring nicely.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 98 pts Wine Pilot, 95+ Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 93 pts Halliday Wine Companion

**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.

