



2005 KILIKANOON MEDLEY GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVEDRE

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare and Barossa Valleys, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre
MATURATION:	Aged in older American & French oak barriques for 24 months
ALCOHOL:	15% alc/vol

BACKGROUND:

Fruit for Kilikanoon's Medley GSM is grown on two estate-owned vineyards, one in South Australia's Barossa Valley, the other in the Clare Valley. The soils vary from sandy, silty loams laying over deep clay in the Barossa, to rich, red Terra Rossa soils in the Clare Valley. Climate too varies between these two regions, being highly continental and relatively warm in the Barossa, and cooler with more of a mediterranean influence in the more elevated Clare Valley.

WINEMAKING:

Hand-harvested fruit is fermented in individual-batches in small open vessels. To aid in gentle color and tannin extraction, the wine is gently basket pressed prior to maturation in mostly older French and American oak for a period of 24 months. The Medley is bottled unfiltered to ensure maximum color and flavor preservation.

TASTING NOTES:

The Medley is a finely integrated blend of sweet cherry fruits, dark spices and subtle charr oak typical of well-crafted Rhone red blends. A wine of impressive balance and intensity of flavor. The fleshy palate offers ripe plum, prune and damp earth, all tied seamlessly by soft, generous tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 - 91pts Robert Parker, 89pts Stephen Tanzer; 2004 - 93pts Robert Parker

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, featuring a circa 1860s stone cottage housing Kilikanoon tasting room, was originally settled by early English migrants who named it after an historic old mansion in Cornwall. 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, producing bracingly intense and long-lived Rieslings, along with powerful, yet balanced, Shiraz, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon.



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