



2005 KILIKANOON ORACLE SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	24 months in French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	15% alc/vol

WINEMAKING:

Kilikanoon's flagship Clare Valley wine, the Oracle Shiraz, is mostly sourced from the dry-grown Mort's Block vineyard located in the Leasingham district of the valley. The Mort's Block vineyard was planted over 40 years ago by Mort Mitchell, father of Chief Winemaker, Kevin Mitchell. Traditional methods of vinification were used through the winemaking process with fermentation taking place in small open vats then gently processed through a basket press. The wine spent 24 months maturation in French oak hogsheads before careful blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

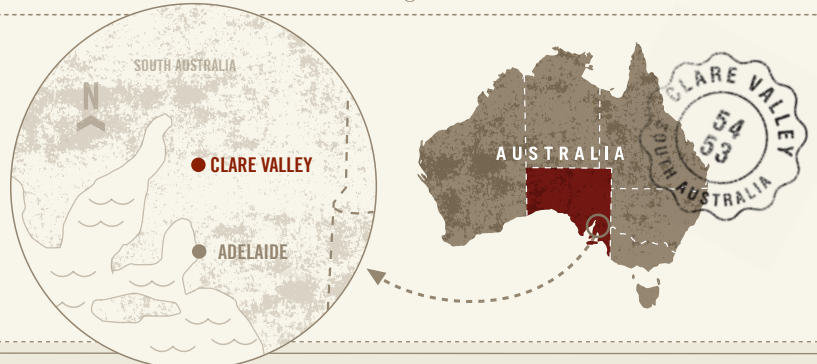
The Oracle Shiraz displays an inky, crimson red color with some youthful purple hues. The 2005 release is a powerful Shiraz with expressions of ripe berries, plum, spice, and densely layered chocolate on the fragrant nose. The Oracle's textured palate offers rich, dark fruit flavors combined with coffee and subtle oak char notes. Firm, silky tannins and natural acidity provide this elegant wine with incredible length, complexity and persistence. The Oracle will benefit from time in the cellar, garnering even more complexity over the next 15 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

2005 vintage- Best Shiraz Worldwide- International Wine Challenge, London, **92 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 2004 vintage- **97 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **93 pts**- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **92 pts**- Wine Spectator

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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