



2006 KILIKANOON ATTUNGA 1865 SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	27 months in 100% new French oak hogsheads
ALCOHOL:	15% alc/vol

VITICULTURE:

Attunga 1865 Shiraz is a single vineyard, Clare Valley Shiraz made from some of Australia's oldest living vines. These 900 individual Shiraz vines, planted in Clare's ancient Terra Rossa soils, were established in 1865 before the phylloxera scourge which decimated the vines of Europe and the USA. The 2005 season was favorable for Shiraz; predominantly dry during the ripening period, yet with substantial rain in early January that sustained the old vines until complete flavor ripeness was reached in mid-March. The small, thick-skinned berries, of intense color and flavor, were cropped at around 2 tons/acre and 15.0 Baumé.

TASTING NOTES:

Released only in years of exceptional quality, this wine offers amazing intensity and complexity, achievable only from vines of this age. Ripe plums, licorice and a spicy French oak handling are evident on the nose, followed by a rich, textural palate delivering a woven core of sweet plums mouthfilling dark chocolate, cedar oak and silky tannins. Wonderful finesse and persistence of flavor.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 95 pts - Wine & Spirits, 94 pts - Wine Spectator, 94 pts - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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