



2006 KILIKANOON GREEN'S VINEYARD SHIRAZ

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

BACKGROUND :

Kilikanoon's Green's Vineyard Shiraz is a single-vineyard wine produced from the estate-owned Green's vineyard, located in the Vine Vale district of the Barossa Valley. Yielding less than 2 tons/acre, this ancient vineyard is prized amongst Kilikanoon's landholdings for the intense fruit it produces. Lying 75 miles south of Kilikanoon's Clare Valley vineyards, the Barossa climate is somewhat warmer and a great deal more continental.

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 100% new French oak for a period of 27 months.

TASTING NOTES :

Exhibiting the true opulence of Barossa, Kilikanoon's Green's Vineyard Shiraz is layered and complex, offering a blend of ripe, spicy fruit, plum, mocha and coffee notes. The dense palate is undeniably varietal, with characters of ripe plum, and blackberries. Integrated tannins and classy oak speak volumes of the careful handling this wine receives, while persistence and depth of flavor reveal fine quality fruit.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 97 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92 pts Wine Enthusiast, 92 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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