



2008 KILIKANOON MORT'S BLOCK RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Kevin Mitchell
REGION:	Clare Valley, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Riesling
FERMENTATION:	Stainless Steel
ALCOHOL:	12.5% alc/vol

VITICULTURE:

The Clare Valley remains boutique in stature and philosophy, despite having developed an envied reputation for producing mineral-driven, age-worthy Rieslings that compete effortlessly on the world stage. Kilikanoon's Mort's Block Riesling, one of the cornerstones of Kilikanoon's portfolio, showcases the distinct flavors and characters so unique to the Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley. Traditional, low-intervention viticulture is practiced to ensure the character and longevity of this single vineyard wine, produced from low-yielding, forty-year-old Riesling vines, is well preserved.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2008 Mort's Block Riesling is an intense, medium-bodied white showcasing green apple, lemon blossom, and grapefruit notes on the nose. A long and full-flavored palate of citrus and stonefruit and is balanced by a tight, mineral edge and crisp, natural acidity. Kilikanoon's Rieslings have been known to age beautifully, developing toasty, honeyed characters after a minimum of 5 years in the bottle.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Robert Parker, 89 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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