



# KILIKANOON

AUTUMN WINE RELEASE 2005

## TOP 100 WINES AT 2005 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

### KILIKANOON 'BLOCKS ROAD' CLARE VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2002



A rave review from the Australian 'Gourmet Traveller WINE' magazine, Autumn 2005, put us all in a good mood at the winery. It was recommended as one of the top 100 new releases and they gave it a rating of 93/100. This is their tasting note; *'Blackberry and tomato-bush cabernet aromas, plus balanced cedary oak. Terrific density, fruit sweetness and texture; very long in the mouth, with mouth-filling and generous flavour. Cellaring potential 10+ years.'* Another critic, Winefront Monthly awarded this wine 91/100 and finds; *'Dust and gravel and blackcurrant of good measure before tidy, chewy, fine grained tannins take over.'* Previous releases have also had good reviews and wine scribe James Halliday gave the 2000 vintage 93/100 and the 2001 vintage 91/100. And to our satisfaction the American West Coast critic Robert Parker, who many over there see as a 'wine god' and who has amazing market place power with his publication 'The Wine Advocate' gave the 2000 vintage 91/100, the 2001 vintage 92/100 and the 2002 vintage 91/100. All these scores are quite consistent. We also adore Parker's description of the 2002 in which he finds, *'a dense purple colour in addition to a big, sweet nose of graphite, crème de cassis, blueberries and cedar.'* Golly, makes you want a glass. The Clare does of course have a long history of great cabernets and we refer you to the very great Leasingham wines of decades ago released as Bin 49 and the cabernet malbec blend, the Bin 56. The 1971 Bin 56 is one of the great Australian red wines.

**The price is \$26.00 single or \$296.00 per case**

*Note: Kilikanoon 'Block's Road' Cabernet 2002 selected in the Top 100 wines at the 2005 Sydney International Wine Competition*

## 'THE BEST I'VE DONE'

### KILIKANOON CLARE BAROSSA MCLAREN VALE 'MEDLEY' GSM (GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE) 2002

A most attractive regional blend and 'the best I've done', says Kevin Mitchell. Contains 50% grenache, 40% shiraz and 10% mourvèdre (mataro). These grapes are sourced from three regions, the Clare, Barossa and McLaren Vale. The grenache is sourced from the Clare Valley, the shiraz from McLaren Vale and the Barossa while the mourvèdre is all McLaren Vale. The grenache is the heart of this wine so some details about the origin will be useful. It is the same block that we make our Prodigal from and is owned by Les Bourne at Watervale which is in the Southern Clare. The bush vines are about 60 years old and were first planted for the fortified market. Each year the same parts of the vineyard produce the low crops that give the intensity to this variety. Both grenache and mourvèdre are late picking varieties and do not show the flavours you want until late April and with mourvèdre even into May. At this stage of the season you keep your fingers crossed as with the shorter days the ripening slows up and the rains can start. The last three years we have had glorious Indian summers.

**The price is \$23.00 single and \$255.00 per case**

*Note: This wine has just been selected in the Gourmet Traveller Top 100 New Releases.*



### A NOTE ON WHY WE LIKE THE BLEND OF GRENACHE, SHIRAZ AND MOURVÈDRE

Kevin Mitchell, our wine maker told it to us this way. "I had the blend in my head for some time. I could see a final blend that had a lovely perfumed lift with cherry fruit. The grenache would give its heady perfume, softness, weight and a gentle chewiness; the shiraz gives plump fruitiness and a larger than life character while the mourvèdre gives tarriness, meaty characters and wonderful mid palate weight. My first was the 2001 and then along came the glorious 2002 vintage. The wine is basket pressed made in open fermenters and then spends up to two years in older American and French hogsheads."

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF KILIKANOON & KILLERMAN'S RUN



The current enjoyment of wine is very young. It developed during the 1970's and really only took off in the 1980's. The current consumption of table wine is at an all time high of about 26 litres per head. While many new vineyard areas have opened up to supply this market, such as Margaret River and the Mornington Peninsula, the history that underpins the traditional areas such as the Hunter, the Barossa Valley and the Clare Valley began an astonishingly long time ago. It is this history that amazes overseas visitors who have been taught that we are 'new world' producers. There are some grape clones in Australia that no longer exist in the 'old world' areas of France because the phylloxera plague of the 1880's wiped out huge areas of vineyards.

The Penna family arrived in Clare from Cornwall in the 1850's. They had worked at an estate in Cornwall called Killa-goon which has the enigmatic translation of 'sloping nut tree grove'. Our cellar door is the original farmhouse which dates from 1860's to 1870's. The farm at Kilikanoon, as it became known, had 50 acres of orchard; apples, pears, quinces, figs and walnuts. They also had a piggery. They probably grew grapes as many in the Clare Valley did although this is not known.

Another of our labels is named after a local squatter, Killerman, who lived behind the Skillagolee winery which is not far from Kilikanoon. He planted a small vineyard for his own needs in the 1880's and 1890's. Killerman lived on kangaroos and rabbits and sold the rabbit pelts.

And lastly, while we Mitchells had an association with the Clare from relatives who had once owned the post office at Penwortham, we ourselves did not arrive until 1946 when the family moved North from Mount Gambier.

Kilikanoon is in what some of us call the 'Skilly Valley'. It is most attractive and we hope to see you at our cellar door some time this year. At least you can try the flavour of our wine offerings if you cannot make it.

Kevin Mitchell



The view of the Kilikanoon Estate as seen from the Hughes Park and Horrocks roads intersection.



## KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN S.A. SHIRAZ 2002

A multi-district blend, this vintage includes fruit from the Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and a new area north of Clare, called Baroota. Baroota is Australia's latest officially recognised wine region termed Southern Flinders Ranges. My third vintage and I make it the same way as the expensive reds though with less oak. It includes parcels of wine that I had hoped would reach 'Oracle' grade, for example, but for a number of reasons never did. You will find a similar weight, richness and wine style as the expensive reds, though delivered at this lower price point. Top U.S. wine critic Robert Parker writing in his 'Wine Advocate' rated the 2001 at 90/100; and this 2002 is another notch up.

**The price is \$18.00 single or \$204.00 per case**

## KILIKANOON KILLERMAN'S RUN ADELAIDE HILLS SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON 2004

The new addition to the range is the smart, zesty, juicy blend of melon fruit from the Adelaide Hills. A couple of areas are making great sauvignon blanc with the best coming from the Adelaide Hills and Margaret River. Semillon also shows a lot of promise from the Hills and it was for a while one of the varieties being trialed by Penfolds for their great white Grange project which ended in the Yatina being a chardonnay. Still many of the trial Hills semillons were very good indeed.

**The price is \$18.00 single or \$204.00 per case**

Note: We also have the rest of the Killerman's Run range available on the order form and a mixed case of three of each of the four wines.



# KILIKANOON TASTER'S DOZEN



Containing one each of the following; 'Blocks Road' Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, 'Medley' Clare - Barossa - McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002, 'Prodigal' Grenache 2002, 'Parable' Shiraz 2002, Killerman's Run Shiraz 2002, Killerman's Run Shiraz Cabernet 2002, Mulga Shiraz 2002, Mulga Shiraz Cabernet 2002, 'Blacket's' Eden Valley Riesling 2004, 'Mort's Block' Watervale Riesling 2004, Barrel Fermented Semillon 2004, Killerman's Run Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2004

**The price is \$236.00 per case**

# PRICED TO CLEAR AT ONLY \$10.00 A BOTTLE

## MULGA RANGE

- SHIRAZ 2002
- CABERNET 2002
- SHIRAZ CABERNET 2002
- SHIRAZ GRENACHE 2002

It is all very well to make a hat full of great wine but one of the many joys of wine is to drink it regularly. It must taste good and be affordable. I spent years working with 'the big boys' and loved every minute. I've been at Krondorf, Kingston Estate, Kendall Jackson in the U.S. and finally Hardys. It's a fine lifestyle but the wines become similar, and the term I use, they become 'corporate'. It is possible to make a good value wine that is not similar but you have to do it in your own way and have access to great fruit. We have great fruit at Kilikanoon and I believe I'm getting close to giving you a rich, strong wine that you can be proud to drink. These reds are multi-district blends from the Clare Valley, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Angle Vale north of Adelaide and Baroota north of Clare. With that sourcing I think you will find these wines have plenty of 'guts'. And just to finish off; I am not sure if you are aware that all wines being exported are tasted by a panel to maintain Australia's high quality standards. This panel from time to time nominates a wine to enter a final judging for the George Mackey Export Trophy Award. Brilliant news; two of these Mulgas have been nominated for the final taste off, and that gave me more pleasure than the Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz 2001 winning a trophy in London at the International Wine and Spirit Show which we found out about the next day.

The price is \$120.00 per case



# GRENACHE IS BIG ENOUGH

## KILIKANOON 'PRODIGAL' CLARE VALLEY GRENACHE 2002

All fruit for this wine was dry grown and sourced entirely from our two 'Blocks Road' vineyards in the Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley. This is our very best grenache made from very tiny yields. At last it has got some great recognition winning the Kemeny's Perpetual Trophy for the 'Best Fuller Bodied Dry Red Table Wine' at the recent 2005 Sydney International Wine Competition. Incidentally, the runner up was the Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet 2001 so let's hear no more of those comments about grenache not being meaty enough.

The price is \$23.00 single or \$255.00 per case

Stocks Very Limited



# CELLAR RELEASE

ONE OF OUR GREATEST WINES EVER

## KILIKANOON 'COVENANT' CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ 2000

We knew this wine was 'one out of the box' so we put aside a few dozen for cellar release. This is an expensive investment for us but show success and critical praise has provided a satisfying return.

### 2002 Clare Valley Wine Show

- The Jim Barry Trophy Best Wine in Show
- The Carl Sobels Trophy Best Commercial Dry Red (classes 6, 7, 8 & 9)
- The Novozymes Australia Trophy Best Dry Red Shiraz (class 6)

Fantastic results. And the Critics?

**James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2004 Edition** - Medium to full purple-red; the complex bouquet has spice, fruitcake and blackberry aromas supported by subtle oak; the rich, deep blackberry fruit of the palate has some spice/earthy tones adding to both structure and length. Estate-grown in the Leasingham region; matured in a mix of French and American oak - best drinking 2005 - 2015 - 94 points.

The price is \$36.00 single or \$408.00 per case



## SINGLE VINEYARD EDEN VALLEY KILIKANOON BLACKET'S VINEYARD EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2004

Made from a single vineyard high up in the Eden Valley Hills. This riesling is more minerally and flinty than our Watervale Riesling. Eden Valley takes a lot longer to show its personality. Within a few months the Watervale is displaying typical Clare exuberance with bursting aromas and flavours. The Blacket's gets there but it takes much longer. Both regions take on the unique flavours that they do from the relatively high elevation of 400 metres to as high as 500 metres in the Eden Valley hills and around 400 metres at Clare (Watervale being in the Southern Clare). Evening temperatures drop a lot quicker than on the flat plains of the Barossa Valley and is thought to be one of the determining factors that keep the rieslings fine and tight. Still when you consider that the type area for this variety is the steep slopes of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers of Germany with their freezing winters and cool summers it always seems to us that it is remarkable how finely textured these Eden and Clare wines are from what is a warm to hot climate.

The price is \$18.00 single or \$204.00 per case



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WINE	CASES	UNITS	TOTAL
<b>KILIKANOON 'Covenant' Clare Valley Shiraz 2000</b> <b>SPECIAL CELLAR RELEASE</b> single bottle \$36.00    case of twelve \$408.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Block's Road' Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2002</b> single bottle \$26.00    case of twelve \$296.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Medley' Clare - Barossa - McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002</b> single bottle \$23.00    case of twelve \$255.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Prodigal' Clare Valley Grenache 2002</b> <b>STOCKS VERY LIMITED</b> single bottle \$23.00    case of twelve \$255.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Shiraz 2002</b> single bottle \$18.00    case of twelve \$204.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Shiraz Grenache 2002</b> single bottle \$18.00    case of twelve \$204.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Cabernet Sauvignon 2002</b> single bottle \$18.00    case of twelve \$204.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2002</b> single bottle \$18.00    case of twelve \$204.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Mort's Reserve' Watervale Riesling 2004</b> single bottle \$27.00    case of twelve \$306.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Mort's Block' Watervale Riesling 2004</b> single bottle \$20.00    case of twelve \$224.00			
<b>KILIKANOON 'Blacket's' Eden Valley Riesling 2004</b> single bottle \$18.00    case of twelve \$204.00			
<b>MULGA Shiraz 2002</b>			
<b>MULGA Cabernet Sauvignon 2002</b>			
<b>MULGA Shiraz Cabernet 2002</b>			
<b>MULGA Shiraz Grenache 2002</b>			
<b>MULGA MIX Three of each of the Mulga wines</b>			
<b>CASE LOTS ONLY</b>			
<b>\$120 PER CASE</b>			
<b>KILIKANOON TASTER'S DOZEN</b> mixed case of twelve \$236.00			
<b>KILIKANOON ESTATE RED MIXED DOZEN</b> mixed case of twelve \$328.00			
<b>KILIKANOON ESTATE WHITE MIXED DOZEN</b> mixed case of twelve \$222.00			

**FREIGHT PER CASE** (please tick)

Melbourne \$10     Sydney \$12     Perth \$17     Darwin \$20      
 Brisbane \$13     Adelaide \$6     Hobart \$22     Regional (metro +\$5)   

FREIGHT TOTAL

TOTAL INCLUDING FREIGHT

**YOUR DETAILS**

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