



KILIKANOON

SPRING RELEASE 2003 REDS

MY 2003 REDS

We normally release our reds in July though this vintage was delayed a few months to allow for the move into the new winery. This gives you a bonus as it means about 27 months in oak rather than a more normal 24 months. 2003 was the one in a hundred drought vintage, producing a very small crop of great power and intensity which required special treatment to bring out its best. The Clare reds from a vintage such as this are so substantial that the extra few months helps the softening process. Obviously I wanted the wines bottled before vintage so I could refill the barrels with the new wines. We also release two rieslings, Mort's Block and the Mort's Reserve, both from the 2005 vintage. Plus we continue to recommend the Mulga range of reds which is a budget range and comes from the sensational 2002 vintage.

SIXTH RELEASE OF A CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN

KILIKANOON 'ORACLE' CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ 2003

The first release was the 1998 and the development of its pedigree as a great wine has been very fast. Many wine journalists place it in their top ten Australian reds. Indeed Robert Parker, the world's most influential wine journalist, has described it as being in the top 14 shiraz in the world (speaking to the U.S. Culinary Institute, Napa Valley). As I explain in my letter (page 2) it can be tweaked a bit more although what we are seeing year on year is the product of a great vineyard in the Leasingham sub-region. It has evolved over the years and, while from the same block, it is bigger and more extractive now though well balanced. Also, more new oak is used and it is now about 50% new oak. I have moved away from American to French oak as I feel it gives equilibrium to the big style whereas American would add just too much extra and might tip the wine style over. **The 2002 was rated 96/100 by both James Halliday and Robert Parker.**

The price is \$56 single and \$318 per 6-pack

Limit one 6-pack per customer while stocks last.



\$53
per bottle by the 6-pack

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SCORING AS HIGH AS 94-95

KILIKANOON 'COVENANT' CLARE VALLEY SHIRAZ 2003

This is a big extractive style which was first made in 2000. The Oracle is our flagship but is extremely limited in production whereas the Covenant comes from a number of vineyards, mostly in the Leasingham sub-region and allows us to mirror the Oracle at a lower price. Apart from that, all winemaking is the same as the Oracle as I want to get as close to that style as possible. Who knows in some vintages it may be better? This vintage I used 45% new oak, mostly French (Radoux), about 20% American old oak with the rest being older French oak. All the fruit is from dry grown vineyards with no irrigation at all.

The Covenant has been getting some good press with the 2002 receiving scores as high as 94 (Halliday) and 95 (Parker).

The price is \$38 single and \$408 per case



\$34
per bottle by the case

WARM CLIMATE CABERNET

KILIKANOON 'BLOCK'S ROAD' CLARE VALLEY CABERNET 2003

Block's Road Cabernet is sourced from the Leasingham sub-region of the Clare, a region that is hotter than neighbouring Watervale, thus making it favourable for reds. The first vintage was in 1997 although it was not named Block's Road until the 1999 release. The grapes come from the same two or three vineyards every vintage and the vines are about 40 years old. For this vintage I used 100% French oak (Radoux) of which 40% was new. Like all the Kilikanoon reds, it is dry grown and that means no drippers at all. Many people now talk about dry grown to distinguish from the Riverland vineyards but they still use drippers, which drip water under the vines, when the vines wilt during a fierce summer.

The previous three vintages have rated 91 to 93/100 by several wine journalists.

The price is \$27 single and \$296 per case



\$24⁶⁶
per bottle by the case

BIG CHANGES AND A GREAT VINTAGE.

KEVIN MITCHELL, SEPTEMBER, 2005.



Winemaker, Kevin Mitchell

So much has happened this year, all good for the future of Kilikanoon. As I write, news has just come in that wine writer James Halliday's 2006 Wine Companion has maintained our five star rating and given 12 of our wines scores of 90/100 to 96/100.

The vintage started slowly, then all the fruit ripened at once and we needed to move fast to push all the grapes through. I rate the vintage as high as the 2004 and it shows great balance with the highlight being the Shiraz which shows intense flavours.

It was also the first vintage at the new winery in the town of Leasingham. Being able to do your own crushing and fermenting is so much more satisfying. Small things count in all wine making. To get the quality level we aim for, controlling the 'pump overs', which extract colour and flavour from the floating mass of skins and pulp, and monitoring more closely the oxygen absorption during wine making is very important. Plus we purchased a basket press which is a gentle way to extract the best from the fermented skins and pulp and leave the coarse, bitter components behind. Again it's a little thing but having the press onsite allows you to just apply the right amount of pressure to this process.

I already believe the 2005 wines have lifted to a higher level. As another example I can now focus on special small parcels of fruit whereas previously these would be tossed in with other fruit and taken off to the wineries we were using. Still I would like to thank Veritas and Torbreck for their support and use of their wineries over the years. The white wines which require specialised equipment will be continued to be made by myself at Pauletts Clare winery.

This year was busy with the move to the new winery leading into vintage. I'll be ready for the 2006 grapes and aim to do a bit more experimentation particularly with cold soaking before fermentation.

I have also managed a trip overseas promoting our wines. I went to Alberta and British Columbia then down to California for the Hospice du Rhône held at Paso Robles where each year thousands of lovers of Rhône varieties descend for master classes, tastings and good food. There I showcased our wines with Neil Pike also of the Clare Valley. Later this year I am off to Manila, England, Amsterdam and Brussels then on September 30th I meet the American wine critic Robert Parker in Baltimore to show our wines.

Still this is about the release of the 2003 reds and 2005 whites and I give detailed descriptions on what makes them special and some relevant wine making information.

Enjoy these wines,

Kevin Mitchell



Mort's Riesling - ready for picking

PRICED TO CLEAR - \$10 A BOTTLE



\$120
per case

MULGA RANGE

SHIRAZ 2002, CABERNET 2002, SHIRAZ CABERNET 2002, SHIRAZ GRENACHE 2002 OR THREE OF EACH IN THE MULGA MIX.

The price is \$120 per case

“CRACKER OF A WINE”

KILIKANOON 'MORT'S RESERVE' WATERVALE RIESLING 2005

When asked about this wine the other day I said, "a cracker of a wine". The first release was the 2003 and it has taken me a few vintages to adjust to the different grapes as the source is Watervale whereas the Mort's Block is further south at Leasingham, both of course being sub-regions of the overall Clare Valley. Watervale is a bit cooler than Leasingham and the grapes are also picked earlier. The grapes are sourced from my father-in-law's property, Khileyre, so I know they are triple A quality. They are picked about half a baumé lower than the Mort's Block and characteristically show steely flint and lemon-like flavours and a real 'acid hit in the mouth'. Not for everyone but a style I love.

The price is \$27 single or \$306 per case



\$25⁵⁰
per bottle by the case

SINGLE VINEYARD

KILIKANOON 'MORT'S BLOCK' CLARE VALLEY RIESLING 2005

The grapes for this wine come from a very special vineyard at Leasingham called of course, Mort's Block. The Riesling here ripens to a higher baume than many other Clare Valley Rieslings so it brings out more fleshy fruit character, and is a touch fatter, with noticeable softness, and an aroma that really pops out of the glass. The first vintage was 1997 and over the years we have received a great deal of favourable press. It has normally scored 90 or higher and the 2004 has been given 93/100 by James Halliday in his Australian Wine Companion. In previous vintages I have included wine from other vineyards however this vintage I resisted the temptation to play around the edges and it stands alone as a single vineyard wine.

The price is \$20 single or \$224 per case



\$18⁶⁶
per bottle by the case

“THE BEST I’VE DONE”

**KILIKANNOON 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). 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 from one of blocks that we source 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.

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

Note: 93/100 in the latest edition of James Halliday’s ‘Wine Companion’.



OUR MIXED CASE SUGGESTIONS



ESTATE RED DOZEN

2 each of the ‘Oracle’ Shiraz 2003, ‘Covenant’ Shiraz 2003, ‘Block’s Road’ Cabernet 2003, 3 each of the ‘Prodigal’ Grenache 2003, ‘Medley’ Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002

The price is \$350



TASTER’S DOZEN

Containing one each of the following; ‘Block’s Road’ Cabernet Sauvignon 2003, ‘Medley’ Clare - Barossa - McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002, ‘Prodigal’ Grenache 2003, ‘Parable’ Shiraz 2002, Killerman’s Run Shiraz 2003, Killerman’s Run Shiraz Cabernet 2003, Mulga Shiraz 2002, Mulga Shiraz Cabernet 2002, ‘Blacket’s’ Eden Valley Riesling 2004, ‘Mort’s Block’ Watervale Riesling 2005, Kilikanoon Barrel Fermented Semillon 2004, Killerman’s Run Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2004

The price is \$220 per case

OUR BEST VALUE

KILIKANNOON ‘KILLERMAN’S RUN’ SHIRAZ 2003

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. 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 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.

The 2002 Killerman’s Run Shiraz was awarded a Double Gold at the recent San Francisco International Wine Competition. The range also includes a Cabernet and a Shiraz Grenache which are both also excellent value.

The price is \$18 single or \$194 per case



A WINE OF GREAT PURITY OF CHARACTER

KILIKANNOON ‘PRODIGAL’ CLARE VALLEY GRENACHE 2003

My love of this variety has no bounds though as I have expressed in prior newsletters, it takes time to understand Grenache and extract the desired flavours, structure and balance. I feel at times we makers have rushed ahead of the wine drinkers who are puzzled by the penetrating aromas and the gorgeous softness of the fruit. It has great depth on the palate and yet can also seem medium weight.

I source this from two vineyards in the Leasingham sub-region and picked in mid April when the temperature was well on the way to Autumn. In the winery I worked the ferment very hard to extract the flavours and all the time looked to express my ultimate vision - Grenache must show a great purity of character. It then went into two to five year old French and American oak, about 50% each. The beauty of Grenache is still unrecognized, it is the perfect food wine with fruit intensity and very little oak influence. The first vintage was 1999. **The 2002 ‘Prodigal’ was awarded the trophy for the Best Full Bodied Red at the Sydney International Wine Competition. It was also a category winner at the 2005 Advertiser Hyatt SA Wine of the Year Awards.**

The price is \$25 single or \$275 per case



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WINE	CASES	UNITS	TOTAL
KILIKANOON 'Oracle' Clare Valley Shiraz 2003 single bottle \$56.00 case of six \$318.00 LIMIT ONE 6-PACK PER CUSTOMER			
KILIKANOON 'Covenant' Clare Valley Shiraz 2003 single bottle \$38.00 case of twelve \$408.00			
KILIKANOON 'Secret Places' Shiraz 2002 single bottle \$34.00 case of twelve \$360.00			
KILIKANOON 'Block's Road' Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 single bottle \$27.00 case of twelve \$296.00			
KILIKANOON 'Prodigal' Clare Valley Grenache 2003 single bottle \$25.00 case of twelve \$275.00			
KILIKANOON 'Medley' Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002 single bottle \$23.00 case of twelve \$255.00			
KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Shiraz 2003 single bottle \$18.00 case of twelve \$194.00			
KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Shiraz Grenache 2003 single bottle \$18.00 case of twelve \$194.00			
KILIKANOON 'Killerman's Run' Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 single bottle \$18.00 case of twelve \$194.00			
KILIKANOON 'Mort's Reserve' Watervale Riesling 2005 single bottle \$27.00 case of twelve \$306.00			
KILIKANOON 'Mort's Block' Watervale Riesling 2005 single bottle \$20.00 case of twelve \$224.00			
MULGA Shiraz 2002			
MULGA Cabernet Sauvignon 2002			
MULGA Shiraz Cabernet 2002			
MULGA Shiraz Grenache 2002			
MULGA MIX Three of each of the Mulga wines			
KILIKANOON TASTER'S DOZEN mixed case of twelve \$220.00			
KILIKANOON ESTATE RED MIXED DOZEN mixed case of twelve \$350.00			

CASE LOTS ONLY
\$120 PER CASE

FREIGHT PER CASE (please tick)

Melbourne \$11 Sydney \$12 Perth \$18 Darwin \$21
Brisbane \$14 Adelaide \$6 Hobart \$2 Regional (metro +\$5)

FREIGHT TOTAL

TOTAL INCLUDING FREIGHT

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