

KILIKANOON, CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

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ORACLE SHIRAZ



DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

One of their most celebrated and awarded wines, the Oracle Shiraz pays homage to the diversity of the Clare Valley. Sourced from Estate vineyards at Mt. Surmon, Trillians Hill, Morrison's, Mort's along with the famed Attunga vineyard, this a true expression of Clare Valley Shiraz at its best. Crafted from old vine Shiraz from estate grown vineyards adjacent to the winery, the Oracle continues to display the opulence, varietal power and regional character. 2016 was a classically cool and damp Clare Valley vintage with lower than average daytime temperatures and periodic rainfall occurring before and over the harvest time. This slowed the ripening process and allowed their winemaking team to harvest each parcel at optimal maturity. Low yielding Shiraz parcels were chosen across our golden hillside vineyards, vinified separately using time honoured traditional techniques, then aged for 18 months in a selection of new and one year old French oak hogsheads. Bottling occurred without any fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Dark red in colour with youthful crimson hues. Layers of black olive tapenade and forest berries with liquorice, cinnamon and clove. A wine of tremendous concentration, complexity and understated elegance. Rich and powerful dark berries and bright red fruits up front that give way to savoury charcuterie with hints of dark chocolate and sweet spice. Fine, powdery tannins give length and drive to the fruit before a velvety finish. A wine made for the ages.

HOW TO SERVE

This wine will improve in bottle for at least 12-16 years. Serve with grilled fillet of Venison or, for a real treat, Kangaroo. Also pairs well with hard cheeses.

VINTAGE
2016
STYLE
Red
BLEND OF GRAPES
100% Shiraz
WINEMAKER
Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins
ALCOHOL
14.5%

