

KILIKANOON, CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

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# PRODIGAL GRENACHE



## DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

Prodigal Grenache delivers the single varietal purity that only old vine Grenache can express. Crafted from two Watervale vineyards, one 67 years of age and the other, 72 years old. Both dry farmed, hand pruned and hand harvested, collectively they set a very high standard for this classic Clare Valley variety. The lead up to the 2018 vintage was cool and dry, however large rainfall in early January quenched the vines' thirst, and allowed for even ripening and complex flavour development. Grenache from old, low-yielding, dry grown vineyards within the Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley were vinified separately, and remained so until the final wine was assembled. Maturation in a selection of seasoned French oak puncheons for fifteen months provides a softness and elegance to the plush velvety palate.

## TASTING NOTES

Translucent crimson red. Aromas of lifted red berries and dark cherry give way to savoury notes of leather black olive. A fresh and lively palate, yet dark and brooding at the same time. The combination of ripe cherries, dark chocolate and savoury spice are perfectly balanced by fine chalky tannins and subtle oak culminating in a long flavoursome finish.

## HOW TO SERVE

Pair with crisp belly of pork with apple and horseradish. The potential here is at least 10-12 years with careful cellaring.

<b>VINTAGE</b>
2018
<b>STYLE</b>
Red
<b>BLEND OF GRAPES</b>
100% Grenache
<b>WINEMAKER</b>
Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins
<b>ALCOHOL</b>
14.5%

