



2018 COVENANT SHIRAZ



A covenant is an agreement, a pact, a promise made between people. In this sense Kilikanoon has made a covenant to our consumers to guarantee quality. The covenant is a classic example of Clare Valley Shiraz, selecting the very best fruit that represents the regions elevated distinctiveness and regional signature. It is a true representation of the benefits of multi-site blending across the Clare Valley.

PLACE

Harvested from several premium vineyards throughout the Clare Valley, parcels are handled to develop the unique personality of each vineyard. The select vineyards that Kilikanoon controls range across all the three valleys that create the unique environment and region known as the Clare Valley.



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

With low winter rainfall and a warm start to spring, the 2018 season was keenly anticipated after the harsh conditions of the prior season. The warm weather saw bud burst occurring a couple of weeks prior to previous years and continued into the new year with a welcomed few days of rain in mid-January to revitalize vines. These ideal conditions saw the fruit fully ripen with in one of the lowest environmental stress years for quite some time.

WINEMAKING

With the vineyards spanning the length of the Valley, parcels were able to be harvested at opportune time as the berries developed their rich flavour profile. Crushed into stainless steel tanks, the grapes were allowed to warm and naturally begin fermentation. Once completed, the skins were pressed and the wine placed into new and seasoned French oak hogsheads for 14 months. Once each batch softened, a blend that shows the refinement and richness of cooler climate shiraz was compiled but selecting barrels out of each batch.

COLOUR

Dark red in colour that carries all the way through to the edge of the glass.

NOSE

Blueberry and dark current aromas layer over complexing notes of fresh pepper and dried tobacco.

PALATE

Subtle and soft, the wine flows seamlessly across the palate. Medium bodied, the layered flavours are revealed one after another showing the complexity of this flavoursome wine. Flavours of blackcurrant and red cherry are bright on the palate, but are supported but subtle notes of oak, chocolate powder and dried fruits. The fine integration of the oak supports the wine

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5%
Acidity: 6.6 g/L

CELLARING/PEAK DRINKING

Now until 2024

WINEMAKERS

Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins



LAST TASTED

15th January 2021

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