

REVELATION

2018 SHIRAZ



The word Revelation has many meanings. At Kilikanoon we identify with the definition “...an act of revealing a fact or to make known a truth to others.” Our Revelation Shiraz is just that: the reveal of our most precious and coveted wine from any given vintage and it only happens when the conditions are faultless. After years of crafting and developing the perfect combination of factors, the first Revelation wine was bottled in 2010.

Today, the evolution of the style and meticulous barrel selection has ensured its great legacy. It all starts in the vineyard. The perfect combination of soil, vine age, altitude, and vineyard orientation with just the right balance of sunlight and water to create the ideal conditions for nature to nurture the ultimate grapes.

Our artisan winemaker then shapes and encourages the grapes into wine with depth and complexity, balance, and longevity. It is only after many months, if not years of evolution, that the very best wine, resting in our most harmonious oak, is selected to be in our Revelation. No more than 100 dozen bottles per year. Truly the best of the best in Kilikanoon’s vinous arsenal.

PLACE

Our grapes are grown on Ngadjuri country.

Selected Kilikanoon Estate Vineyards, 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

The grapes are handpicked from a selection of Kilikanoon estate vineyards and brought to the winery in the cool of the morning. Crushed and left on skins before the resultant must is transferred to open-top fermenters and allowed to warm gradually. Fermentation starts naturally with the wild yeast resident around the winery. Pumping over occurs each day to macerate the skins ensuring the soft extraction of flavours and colour. After fermentation, the grapes are pressed gently in a basket-press to release the wine from the skins. Carefully selected French oak hogsheads hold the wine for maturation. A rigorous tasting process ensures only the finest barrels are selected for the final blend before being bottled and returned to the cellar for further maturation prior to release.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.5%
Acidity: 6.5 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr
Last Tasted:
25th August 2022

CELLARING

Superb now - will age
beautifully for 35+ years

COLOUR

Inky black/purple with a deep red
meniscus.

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An intense explosion of aromas!
Dark plums and chocolate,
blackberry, red currants, cedar and
spice all interplay to create a
symphony of sensations.

PALATE

The palate is dense and immersive, redolent of ripe plums, cherries and chocolate. The concentration is quite astounding, braced by an electric acidity and coated in super-fine powdery tannins. Further waves of bramble, coffee, mocha and dark fruits build to the crescendo, weaving their way to a prolonged and satisfying finish.