

## TASTING NOTES

### 2009 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Only the second Reserve Cabernet made at Kilikanoon and a testament to the strength of the 2009 vintage. Low, balanced fruit yields, a cool and evenly unfolding season and the Clare Valley's unique terroir has provided a Reserve Cabernet with less than 300 cases made.

Low yielding fruit from two vineyards, one positioned in the warmer Leasingham district and the other around our cellar door in the cooler, more elevated Skillogalee valley, were allowed to fully ripen, before hand harvesting, fermentation on skins to dryness and basket pressing to new French oak hogsheads. Bottling occurred without fining or filtration.

**Appearance:** Inky red in colour, dense and opaque in appearance.

**Nose:** A melting pot of herbaceous blackcurrant leaf, riper cassis and dark chocolate notes and quality spicy French oak char, predominate.

**Palate:** Richly flavoured and of layered texture and complexity; the palate oozes old vine charm, blackcurrants, tobacco leaf, emerging cigar box and choc-mint characters all seductively ensconced within classy French oak and naturally provided tannins and acidity. A palate designed to age.

**Bottled:** April 2011

**Cellaring:** Potential of at least 15 years with careful cellaring

**Pair with:** More to come...

**Alcohol:** 14.3% v/v



Our Tregea Vineyard, where the grapes for our Reserve Cabernet are grown



CLARE VALLEY