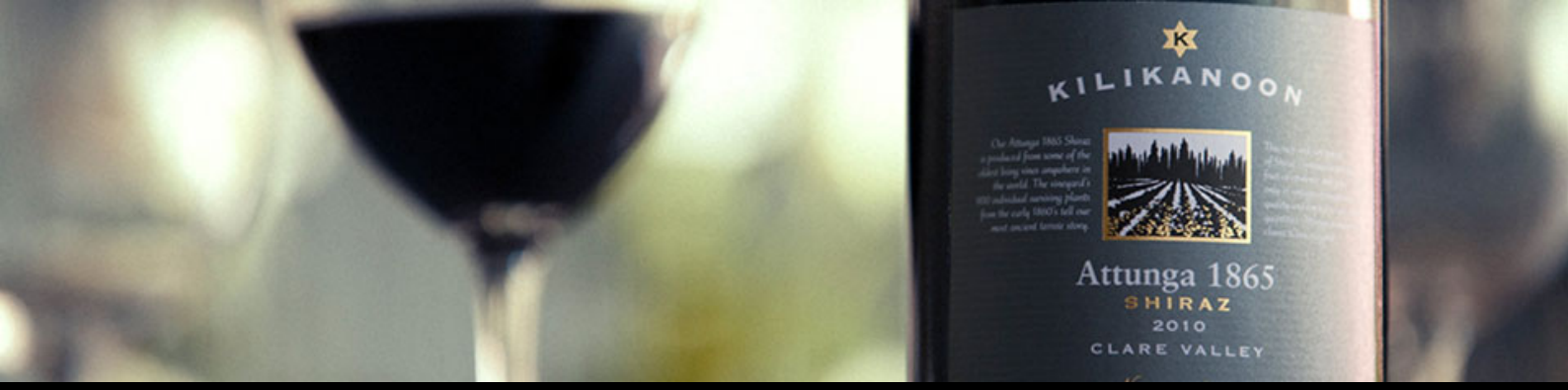

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The Kilikanoon Attunga 1865 Shiraz 2019 is a prestigious single-vineyard Shiraz, crafted from some of the oldest continuously producing vines in Australia, planted in 1865.

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Attunga 1865 Shiraz 2019

Clare Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Attunga 1865 vineyard** lies just north of Auburn in **Clare Valley** at an altitude of **340 meters**, facing west to capture the warmth of the afternoon sun. This small, historical plot consists of just **12 rows of vines**, which are deeply rooted in **terra rossa soils**. These mineral-rich soils contribute to the wine's depth and unique minerality, while the vineyard's high elevation and careful vine management provide balance and complexity. The grapes are grown on Ngadjuri land, honoring the traditional custodians of this ancient terrain.

The 2019 growing season was marked by **low winter rainfall** and a warm start to spring, promoting early bud burst and ideal conditions for ripening. These factors led to one of the lowest environmental stress years in recent memory, allowing the fruit to achieve full maturity and concentrated flavors. This exceptional vintage has produced a wine that captures the essence of Clare Valley terroir with remarkable purity and structure.

Winemaking

The **Kilikanoon Attunga 1865 Shiraz 2019** is meticulously crafted to reflect the quality of this historic vineyard. The grapes are **hand-harvested** and carefully sorted, with only the finest bunches gently crushed into open-top fermenters made of French oak. During fermentation, the wine is **hand-plunged twice daily** for ten days to enhance flavor extraction, before being drained and **basket-pressed**. It then undergoes **18 months of maturation** in a selection of new and one-year-old French oak hogsheads, which adds layers of complexity while preserving the wine's vibrant fruit character.

This traditional and patient approach allows the wine to achieve its signature seamless texture and integrate its finely tuned tannins with the elegance of French oak, resulting in a Shiraz that is both powerful and beautifully balanced.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Vibrant red with youthful crimson hues.
- **Aroma**: A lifted bouquet of dark fruits intertwined with herbal infusions, underpinned by subtle, savory notes and enhanced by delicate hints of French oak.
- **Palate**: Known for its seamless texture, this wine delivers a graceful flow of flavors, with dark cherries and a subtle red fruit structure. The finely tuned tannins are harmoniously integrated, contributing to a long, elegant finish. Drinking beautifully now, but poised to develop further with cellaring.

Did You Know?

The **Attunga 1865 Shiraz** is a testament to Kilikanoon's commitment to preserving Australia's viticultural heritage, sourced from some of the oldest productive Shiraz vines in the country. This wine is only released in outstanding vintages, reflecting both historical significance and exceptional quality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised beef short ribs with rosemary and thyme**: Enhances the wine's rich, dark fruit flavors and complements its structured tannins.
- **Roast lamb with garlic and rosemary**: Pairs well with the wine's herbal notes and earthy complexity.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: The earthy, savory flavors of the mushrooms resonate with the wine's subtle layers of flavor.
- **Aged Gouda or Comté**: Complements the wine's depth and refined tannins.

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James Halliday (JH) : 97 Points (2019)

Fruit from the original 1865 plantings in the Attunga vineyard. Crushed graphite laces blueberries, black cherries, fine white spice and mulberries together. In the mouth the wine is like midnight: deep and endless, the shape of the tannins becoming almost irrelevant as they coat the cheeks in a film of gossamer fine texture. Despite the concentration of flavour here, it is not weighty; displaying finesse and nuance alongside sheer, inarguable depth and magnitude from 157 years of vine age. Imagine the days those vines have seen.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2018)

The fruit for this 2018 Attunga 1865 Shiraz was sourced from original plantings (circa 800 vines) in the Attunga vineyard, planted in 1865. The depth and concentration of the fruit here attests to the years that those dry-grown vines have been driving their roots deeper and deeper into the terra rossa dirt of that place in Watervale in the Clare Valley. This is evolving past its primary stage and morphing into the complex, layered and savory wine that it will become. The core of fruit remains red and pure and drives across the palate long into the finish. All things are in balance here, and the wine has opened up immeasurably in the glass, meaning a decant is a must.