



**THE ISLANDER**  
*estate vineyards*



## 2015 THE INDEPENDENCE MALBEC

*The Islander Estate Vineyards produces elegant French styled wines handcrafted in Australia's most remote & surprising wine region - Kangaroo Island.*

### THE FLAGSHIP RANGE

Named in honour of the explorers and their ships who first discovered Kangaroo Island's shores, our Flagship range brings to life Jacques' vision to etch this remote island on the world map of fine wine. These wines represent the very best of both Old and New World wine styles, handcrafted in small quantities over several years before release.

### THE NAME

In 1803 Captain Isaac Pendleton arrived in American River on Kangaroo Island where he commissioned the construction of the first ship built in South Australian waters, the schooner Independence. Hand-forged from local timbers by his ship's carpenter and crew. The trailblazing spirit of explorers like Capt. Pendleton live on in Kangaroo Island's culture today.

VARIETY	100% Malbec
COLOUR	Deep purple
NOSE	Black plum, blackberry, cocoa and sweet tobacco
PALATE	Plush fruit, full bodied structure and firm tannins
FINISH	The firm body and tannins are balanced by French winemaking techniques to create a elegant finish
FOOD PAIRING	Lean game, blue cheese burger, firm cheeses

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our newest Flagship wine, The Independence showcases the true potential of this traditional French variety, Malbec, usually seen in a supporting role. Estate grown fruit is hand-picked and sorted, wild fermented in French oak with extended skin maceration until completion of malolactic fermentation. After hand-pressing it is aged in new French oak demi muids for 2 years, before 2 years of bottle ageing.

CELLARING	One to savour for up to 20 years
REVIEWS	96 points 2021 Australian Wine Companion
TECHNICAL	Alcohol : 15.0% Vol. Total Acidity : 6.0g/L pH : 3.87



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