

wine of the week

The Islander Estate Vineyards the Investigator 2005

Kangaroo Island, South Australia

\$60



In 2000, French winemaker Jacques Luton staked a claim on Kangaroo Island – 198 years after its discovery by Matthew Flinders and circumnavigation by French captain Nicholas Baudin. Luton named his flagship wine the Investigator, after Flinders' ship. The flagship wine, however, salutes southwestern France, Bordeaux in particular. Made principally from cabernet franc (with a dash of sangiovese), the Investigator presents a ripe, fine-boned face of this fragrant variety. There's a ghost of Bordeaux's St Emilion in the aroma and flavour, but a sunny Australian smile, tempered by a faint Gallic leafiness, on the delicious palate. It's a unique, beautiful wine, destined for five-star status as the vines mature and the wine gains greater length.



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