



THE ISLANDER
estate vineyards



2016 WALLY WHITE SEMILLON

Varieties :

Semillon (100%)

Wine Description :

Colour : Medium intensity, brilliant yellow.

Nose : A complex and inviting nose showing aromas of lemon rind and white peach with hints of vanilla and a slight smokiness from the barrel fermentation.

Palate : Classic Semillon lemon notes, complemented by a creaminess on the mid-palate, underscored by a zesty, mineral finish.

Finish : An elegant finish with a hint of spruce from the oak and a cleansing lick from the natural acidity.

Vineyard Notes:

The eleventh vintage of Wally White, the 2016 continues in the line of rich but elegant white wines from our Estate on Kangaroo Island. While The Islander Estate's winemaker and founder Jacques Lurton is fond of all the Islander Estate wines, Wally White is a wine he holds very dear. Never one to shy from a challenge, the Wally White represents Jacques' attempt to create a wine of Burgundy-like elegance, using a Bordeaux variety, grown in the schist and clay soils of a rugged island vineyard half a world away from France. Like last year, the 2016 was a near perfect year for our Semillon. After a full flowering and fruit set, the weather throughout the season was ideal, with just the right amounts of heat and sun balanced with cool nights and small amounts of rain. The vines are producing amazing quality grapes and in near perfect volumes. Harvested at just the right time, this vintage will be another one to remember.

Production Notes:

The Semillon is picked in two stages: one early pick to retain more acidity and one later pick giving rise to more mouthfeel. All grapes are picked by hand then sorted on tables before being whole-bunch pressed in the basket press. No pressing separation is made as the press is very gentle and after a short settling the turbid juice is fermented in 630 litre "demi-muid" French oak barrels. The juice remains in cask for 2 years and undergoes batonnage (lees-stirring) every week for the first four months of ageing to enhance the fullness of texture and flavour.

The Name:

The Islander Estate Vineyards is located near Parndana, an area originally cleared for farming by Soldier Settlers. To these Soldier Settlers, the term "Wally" was used as a nickname for someone acting a fool – unsophisticated and lacking in class. Australians often use opposites in giving nicknames – for example fat men named Slim and redheads named Bluey. In keeping with this tradition we present the "Wally White", a wine which is anything but a "Wally" – sophisticated, elegant and delicious.

Cellaring Potential:

Drink 2018-2035

Technical Information:

Alcohol : 13.5% Vol.

Total Acidity : 5.5g/L

pH : 3.44

Drink With:

This wine pairs up particularly well with pork dishes and most seafood and chicken dishes, including creamy pastas. It also drinks beautifully on its own, served just slightly chilled.