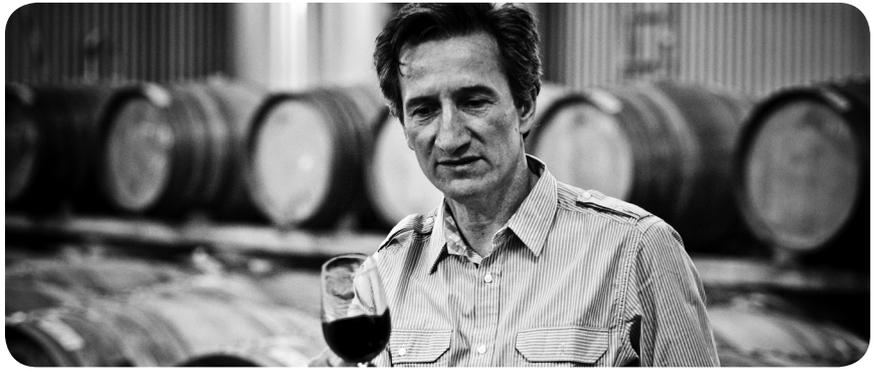




THE ISLANDER  
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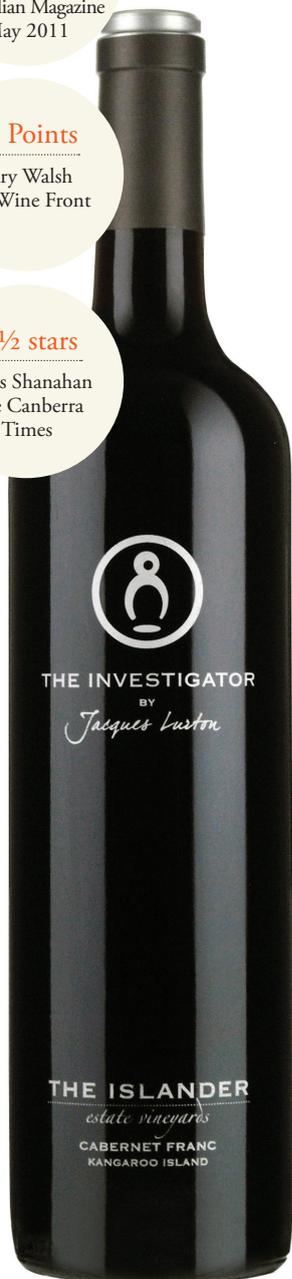
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## 2005 THE INVESTIGATOR CABERNET FRANC

*Introducing The Investigator, by Jacques Lurton.*

*The Investigator carries Jacques Lurton's vision to put Kangaroo Island on the world map of fine wine. A blend of 94% Cabernet Franc and 6% Sangiovese, this wine combines old and new world, strength and delicacy, power and elegance.*

In 1802 HMS Investigator carried Captain Matthew Flinders on a voyage which included the first European discovery of Kangaroo Island. Two hundred years later, French winemaker Jacques Lurton also landed on Kangaroo Island. After two decades making wine around the world Jacques carefully selected a schist and clay terroir near the farming community of Parndana and established a diverse boutique vineyard. Jacques chose Kangaroo Island for its beauty, freedom and its maritime climate similar to conditions of the vineyards he grew up in on the Atlantic Coast.

Just as HMS Investigator helped Matthew Flinders put an unknown land on the map, The Investigator carries Jacques' vision for a flagship to sit amongst wines from the great regions of the world and etch Kangaroo Island onto the world map of wine.

Made from one of the greatest grape varieties, Cabernet Franc, with a small amount of Sangiovese, this wine has been designed from vineyard to bottle to reflect the marriage of old and new world, strength and delicacy, power and elegance.

### Vineyard Notes :

Cabernet Franc is a very easy variety to produce; it is resistant to most diseases and to drought. It produces a great many canes and gives plenty of options for pruning and canopy management. The bunches are small with very small berries resulting in very colourful and tannic wines. The Sangiovese is more delicate, very sensitive to water stress and produces less canes, but is quite vigorous. The grapes are large and tight with very dark skin, but the wine doesn't carry deep colour. The tannins are very firm in the young wine and then soften considerably during barrel ageing. The Cabernet is picked before the Sangiovese in general.

### Production Notes :

All grapes are picked by hand and all berries sorted on vibrating tables. The berries macerate together for a week before the cultured yeast inoculation. Cabernet Franc needs soft pumping over to not over-extract the tannins. Sangiovese, on the other hand, can be aggressively extracted as skins are not very tannic and colour doesn't come easily. The wines are aged in large wood vats for two years to reduce the loss of fruit in these two varieties, which are sensitive to oxygen.

### Cellaring Potential :

This wine will age beautifully for up to 10 years.

### Technical Information:

Alcohol : 14.0% Vol.  
Total Acidity : 5.5g/L  
pH : 3.59