



THE ISLANDER  
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## 2006 OLD ROWLEY GRENACHE / SHIRAZ / VIOGNIER

95 Points

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2011 Wine  
Companion



### Varieties :

Grenache 58% - Shiraz 36% - Viognier 6%

### Wine Description :

Colour : Ruby red, typical of Grenache.

Nose : Initial aromas of white pepper and thyme are supported by enticing notes of raspberry confection. These blend with aromas of slightly stewed red fruits resulting from the carbonic maceration.

Palate : Soft and delicate on the front palate with very supple tannins. Full flavoured but elegant.

Finish : The natural acidity supports a nice long aftertaste, increasing the length of flavours.

### Production Notes :

Kangaroo Island has proved an excellent place for growing Grenache, Shiraz and Viognier and the cool climate helps produce tightly structured grapes while limiting alcohol levels in these varieties. The idea with this wine was to produce a Cotes du Rhone style - a wine of medium body and a good grip of natural acid on the finish rather than relying on heavy tannins to provide the structure.

### Carbonic Maceration:

After hand-picking, part of the grapes used in the Old Rowley blend undergo carbonic maceration. This is a process most famously utilised in the Beaujolais region of France and consists of keeping the whole grapes at 30°C for 10 days in a closed vat, saturated with carbon dioxide. An intracellular fermentation takes place within the berry producing a small amount of ethanol along with many flavourful and aromatic compounds. At the end of the process the tank is pressed and the juice finishes fermentation separate from the skins. The balance of grapes in the blend are produced using the classic method of de-stemming and fermentation on skins. Wines are kept separate in 600 litre wooden barrels for 2 years before final blending.

### The Name:

This wine is named after Mr Rowland Hill, better known as 'Old Rowley', a big man with a big vision to establish Kangaroo Island as a heartland for agricultural production. A graduate of Roseworthy Agricultural College and a former army sergeant, it was his role as chairman of the Land Development Executive that had the most impact for Kangaroo Island. Through Old Rowley's persistence and the hard work of the Soldier Settlers, the vision was realised and Kangaroo Island is now recognised internationally for its pristine environment and outstanding produce.

### Cellaring Potential :

Drink 2010-2016

### Technical Information:

Alcohol : 13.5% Vol.  
Total Acidity : 5.6g/L  
pH : 3.65

### Drink With :

Lamb dishes, full-flavoured fish such as salmon, roasted vegetables.