



THE ISLANDER
estate vineyards



2019 BARK HUT ROAD CABERNET FRANC/SHIRAZ

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

THE ESTATE RANGE

Our premium range, blending the best of Kangaroo Island's cool growing conditions with European handcrafting and winemaking techniques. Honouring the region's Soldier Settlers heritage, sharing their belief that hard work and tenacity leads to great rewards.

THE NAME

The Islander Estate Vineyards is located on Bark Hut Road, Kangaroo Island. This was one of the first sites for Soldier Settler camps, where returning servicemen and their families lived for up to a decade while awaiting their land allocation. These people worked incredibly hard and showed remarkable persistence in helping Kangaroo Island become the agricultural heartland that it is today.

VARIETY

Shiraz / Cabernet Franc

COLOUR

Vibrant Red

NOSE

Vanilla, plums, violets, capsicum and spice with hints of French oak

PALATE

Soft texture with a round, medium-body. Flows through the mouth until the fine tannins come to crisp edge.

FINISH

Firmly structured with natural acidity and sweet tannins. The finish is long and dry.

FOOD PAIRING

Steak cooked medium-rare (or however you like it) is the perfect match for this wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Cabernet Franc and Shiraz were picked, processed and fermented separately, with hand sorting and wild yeast ferment. During ferment the juice was pumped over twice daily with the cap of grapes manually plunged. With a total of 5-6 weeks of skin contact, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in tank, a process by which the wine becomes softer in the mouth. After basket pressing, each variety was aged separately for 12 months in a mix of new and old French oak barrels before the best barrels were chosen for the final blend.

CELLARING

Delicious now or cellar for 6-8 years

REVIEWS

93 points 2021 Australian Wine Companion

TECHNICAL

Alcohol : 13.5% Vol.
Total Acidity : 5.1g/L
pH : 3.73



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