



**THE ISLANDER**  
*estate vineyards*



## 2015 THE CYGNET BUSH-VINE SHIRAZ

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

### THE FLAGSHIP RANGE

Named in honour of the explorers and their ships who first discovered Kangaroo Island's shores, our Flagship range brings to life Jacques' vision to etch this remote island on the world map of fine wine. These wines represent the very best of both Old and New World wine styles, handcrafted in small quantities over several years before release.

### THE NAME

The barque Cygnet was amongst the first fleet to arrive in South Australian waters, spending several months anchored off Kangaroo Island in 1836. The river which bears its name is the lifeblood of Kangaroo Island. A trickle in summer, it becomes a powerful torrent in winter. The river runs through our estate filling dams & giving life to the densely planted, low-yielding bush-vines which we use to create this special Shiraz.

VARIETY	100% Shiraz
COLOUR	Dark Ruby
NOSE	Steeped cherries, baking spice, earth
PALATE	Offering balance and a composed structure across the palate with long fine tannins.
FINISH	Savoury tannins and a long smooth finish
FOOD PAIRING	Darker meats and spice based dishes, braised short ribs, middle eastern lamb dishes or slow cooked pork shoulder.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Hand-picked bush-vine grapes from The Islander Estate vineyard, destemmed into demi-muids for wild fermentation and extended maceration on skins until malolactic fermentation is completed, the juice run off and the skins pressed in a hand-operated basket press, blended after 2 years in French oak demi-muids then bottle aged for a further 2 years before release.

CELLARING	One to savour for up to 15 years
REVIEWS	97 points 2021 Australian Wine Companion
TECHNICAL	Alcohol : 15.0% Vol. Total Acidity : 5.3g/L pH : 3.95



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