



MEDIA RELEASE

With views at Sunset

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Sunset Food & Wine Restaurant is about to open on the site of Sunset Winery on Hog Bay Road Kangaroo Head, on the road to Penneshaw.

This venture is the brain-child of ex-Southern Ocean Lodge executive chef Jack Ingram and his partner Vanessa Cu, who have decided to put their business and restaurant skills to use, establishing a restaurant serving modern bistro food, utilising as much island and South Australian produce as possible.

Jack has an enviable resume having worked in his home-country of England for a one Michelin starred restaurant before being sponsored by Southern Ocean Lodge to join their kitchen brigade in 2009. He was fortunate to then join Shannon Bennett at Vue de Monde in Melbourne, and during a four-year stint there, Jack spent time in every section of the business.

“Shannon inspired me with his attitude to his business ... he always aimed to make everything better, and is really quality-driven,” Jack said.

During his time at Vue de Monde, Jack learnt management skills that will stand him in good stead as he opens his first restaurant at Sunset Winery.

He plans to offer local produce and is pleased that via his earlier times on the island, he knows and appreciates many of the producers and what they have to offer. There will be a focus on seafood, with tastes to please discerning palates.

Vanessa will run front of house and have great input into the beverages list, which will include local wines by the glass or bottle.

Fine Art Kangaroo Island will provide artworks to decorate the restaurant and these items will be available for sale.

“We are delighted to have Fine Art KI on board,” Jack said. “We believe the presence of art on the premises will give visitors the whole island experience.”

Jack also wished to thank Tina Kleeven from Kangaroo Island Fresh Seafoods for originally putting him in touch with Sunset Winery owner Colin Hopkins.



“Colin has been fantastic in assisting us in getting this project off the ground, and we really thank both Tina and Colin for their guidance,” he said.

“We want to create something very special and we saw a gap in the market,” he said. “We will bring a touch of quality and finesse to dining on the island.”

Sunset Food & Wine will open for special lunches from November 4 to 11, with a three-course menu. Bookings are essential and can be made at info@sunsetfoodandwine.com or by phone 8553 1378. After that, the restaurant will be open from Tuesday to Sunday, 11.30am to 5pm, and Friday and Saturday, 6.30pm to 10pm.

Sunset Food & Wine is happy to accept bookings in the lead up to Christmas so if you’re looking for a great new venue to hold your Christmas break-up, give them a try.



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