

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## New Tasting Room opens

The Islander Estate Vineyard opens its new Tasting Room on September 21, moving into what is now the 'Cygnet River gourmet hub'.

The decision to bring their wines to a broader audience was made by co-owners Jacques Lurton and Yale Norris.

"With future developments on the Island, and with Qantas flights imminent, we wanted to locate ourselves conveniently for visitors and in a location that allows us to add to the energy of other regional producers," Yale Norris said.

Tasting Room neighbours include Frogs & Roses, KI Spirits and Island Pure Sheep Dairy – and Islander Estate intends to refer their visitors to their close neighbours, encouraging Cygnet River as a gourmet half-day destination.

The new Tasting Room features a magnificent reclaimed KI jetty timbers bar, where guests can enjoy a guided tasting. There is also reclaimed iron from Ballast Head, and many items in the Tasting Room have been sourced and made by locals, with each piece having a story.

For those wishing to stay a while, simple platters will be available with items sourced from KI and SA, and tables inside or out on the lawn to sit and enjoy a bottle of wine. Take-home wines sales are also available.

"The Winery has always been open by appointment, but now locals and tourists can easily come here and experience our brand," Yale said. "And of course, our private tours of the vineyard are still on offer."

"We are proud of our investment in the area, and look forward to welcoming visitors."

Commissioner for Kangaroo Island is also pleased with this development.

"The Islander Estate brand has a tremendous reputation for providing fantastic wines, so the decision to open a cellar door in Cygnet River to allow for locals and visitors to taste the product is great. I wish them every success with their new venture," Wendy Campana said.

The Islander Estate Vineyard Tasting Room is at 78 Gum Creek Road Cygnet River, corner Boxer Road. It is open 6 days per week, closed Wednesday, from 12 noon to 6pm, so you can call in after work, or tourists can visit on their way back into Kingscote.

Caption: The Tasting Room will be run by Yale Norris, Emily Larcombe (left) and Cath Williams.



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