



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

Vine

A season that challenged us with very high temperatures throughout. Dry conditions across winter and spring, including record warmth in October, indicated an early harvest for this vintage. We dropped a large amount of crop to adapt to the season, which set us up for a strong Cabernet vintage. January's very warm temperatures yielded ripe, healthy grapes that were able to retain excellent natural acidity. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes came from our Coldstream vineyard, a cooler site home to mature vines (20+ years) on soils of sandstone over clay.

Wine

The blend comprises 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec and 2% Merlot. We picked the grapes by hand, bringing in the Cabernet Sauvignon on 29th February, our earliest yet. The fruit was sorted on our state-of-the-art sorting line, then destemmed and gently crushed. The wine spent three weeks on skins all up, in order to develop structure and a silky texture while still at peak freshness. It was then aged in French oak (35% new) for 14 months. It then spent one month in tank to fully integrate flavours and preserve its aromatics before being bottled on our new bottling line in July 2017. This key addition to our winery reduces oxygen pick-up and preserves the fruit's lovely aromatics.

Glass

The **Dominique Portet Cabernet Sauvignon 2016** is layered and alluring on the nose, revealing beautiful vibrancy and bright fresh red fruit with red cherry. Underlying notes of dark berries, zesty blackcurrant and plum provide a lush intensity that is fragrant and delicate, complimented by savoury notes of cedar, liquorice and tobacco. Super fine, chalky tannins offering texture and body suggest this highly aromatic, elegant wine has decades ahead of it, despite the warm vintage. Its vivid palette of flavours ensure this wine is drinking exceptionally well now and will reward cellaring for many years to come, but why wait?

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Alcohol: 13.5%

RRP: \$60

Closure: Cork

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ABOUT DOMINIQUE PORTET

The Yarra Valley winery was established in 2000 by Bordeaux-raised Dominique Portet, whose family's winemaking history stretches back 10 consecutive generations to 18th century France. Dominique and son Ben craft fresh, elegant, expressive wines coolly grown in the Victorian regions of the Yarra Valley and Heathcote.