



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

Vine

This is the second year we've aimed for a juicier, more slurpable style of Fontaine Cabernet - and vintage 2016 put it on a plate for us. It was a warmish, open and charming kind of year for these particular sites. Grapes for the **Dominique Portet Fontaine Cabernet Sauvignon 2016** came from a range of vineyards in the northern and southern end of the Yarra Valley. Soils are rocky and hungry, with a clay base and lots of broken sandstone. These north-facing sites are excellent for Cabernet that has clear, juicy, concentrated fruit with soft, silky tannins.

Wine

The blend is 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Merlot. We picked and sorted all varieties by hand. We de-stemmed the grapes and gently crushed them before fermenting them at relatively cool temperatures to accentuate the beautiful aromatics of the Cabernet. The wine stayed on skins for two weeks, during which time colour and tannins were gently extracted. We then gave the wine 10 months to mature in French oak barrels, 30% of which were new. We bottled it in January 2017.

Glass

Strikingly bright purple in colour, this smells as composed and inviting as a summer pudding. Scents of redcurrants, red plum and blackberries mingle with savoury undertones of bay leaf and cedar. It's soft and medium-bodied in the mouth, with a dusty density from tangy grape tannins. The abundant plum and berry fruit is wears a blanket of creaminess from the oak. The plush ripeness is offset by the very fresh cut of its tannins and acids, giving it a crisp and buoyant feel. It's juicy through the finish, too, with blackberry perfume and a whisper of leaf. Vibrant, shapely and just such a pleasure to drink.

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Alcohol: 13.5%

RRP: \$22

Closure: Screwcap

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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 from Sparkling Rosé to Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, coolly grown in the Victorian regions of the Yarra Valley, Pyrenees and Heathcote.