



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE ROSÉ 2017

Vine

2017 gave us wonderful conditions for the style of rosé we enjoy – that is to say, a wine that is elegant, subtly complex and effortlessly drinkable. Mild conditions during ripening allowed the grapes gradually to develop lovely flavour while retaining vital natural acidity. The fruit for this rosé comes from various cool sites from throughout the Yarra Valley, all of which add a dimension to the wine.

Wine

The blend comprises 60% Shiraz, 25% Cabernet and 15 % Merlot. We picked the fruit by hand before gently crushing and pressing it. One key difference in 2017 was the use of our brand-new, whizz-bang heat exchanger, which chills the grapes right down prior to pressing. This gives a wine that is paler in colour but has greater fragrance and poise. We fermented it in stainless steel tanks for essential freshness and to accentuate its attractive aromas. We stirred the lees regularly to give the wine a soft texture and to add creamy complexity.

Glass

In the glass it is an enticingly bright, pale salmon pink colour. Scents of cherry blossom, strawberry, cranberry and a dash of cinnamon spice rise from the glass. The impression of fresh red berries continues on the palate, which is creamy-textured, juicy and generous, but at the same time has a delicate weightlessness to it. The spicy berries are joined by peach melba tones and tangy cherry as it skips through to a long, clean and highly refreshing finish.

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Alcohol: 13%

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 and Heathcote.