



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET SHIRAZ 2014

Vine

These days we set out to pick the Heathcote Shiraz relatively early, which gives a lovely brightness to the fruit that nicely offsets the intensity and power that the region naturally bestows. The 2014 growing season was slightly milder than the previous year, allowing us to harvest the fruit in mid-March with really good, ripe tannins. The Shiraz grapes grow on the western side of Heathcote, next door to the famous vineyards of Jasper Hill. Water here is limited, while soil rich in minerals from Mount Carmel appears to add a graphite quality to the wine.

Wine

100% Shiraz grapes were picked by hand, sorted and the majority destemmed with state-of-the-art equipment that ensures only totally healthy fruit goes into the ferment. About 10% whole bunches were also included for heightened perfume and freshness. The must was fermented in stainless steel tanks for three weeks in order to build silky tannins and develop the structure to age. We then matured the wine for 14 months in tight-grained French oak barrels, of which 20% were new.

Glass

The wine has lifted aromas of violets and cherry blossom, rich brambly fruits and ripe plum, with that classic peppery spice that the cool Heathcote nights seem to imbue. Medium-weight, supple and velvety, it's a wine that ripples with fresh, opulent forest berry and plum fruit. It is drinking beautifully now thanks to that buoyant fruit but there is no doubt that this will mature gracefully over the next 10 years and beyond.

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Alcohol: 14%

RRP: \$48

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