



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET YARRA VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2017

Vine

This is 100% Chardonnay from a lovely, mature site in the Upper Yarra Valley. The vines grow on volcanic red soils on a steep, fast-draining slope at an altitude of 350m. The elevation makes for cooler growing conditions compared with the valley floor. The slower ripening process allows intense, complex aromas and flavours to develop. The cool nights help the grapes retain vital acidity for freshness and drive in the resulting wine. The 2017 vintage is reflective of a classic cool-climate Chardonnay, with typical Upper Yarra Valley characteristics. This year we had good intermittent rainfall with cool to mild temperatures and no scorching hot days. The Chardonnay came in later than usual, yet retained excellent acidity and freshness, lending itself to encompass detail, poise and length; a great vintage.

Wine

We picked the grapes by hand when the skins still had a slight green tinge – before they turned soft and golden. At the point of harvesting, the flavours were pitched between citrus and firm stone fruits. We gently pressed the fruit as whole bunches and fermented it in French oak puncheons (40% new) with very tight-grained wood. We stirred the lees occasionally in some barrels to build texture and complexity. We bottled the wine in late February 2018.

Glass

The mature vines of the Upper Yarra Valley produce wines of finesse, fragrance and presence. This classical vintage is no different, delivering detail, complexity and a refined length. It is vibrant straw-green in colour, with a heady nose of lime, lemon and hazelnut. The cooler and more mild vintage offered perfect conditions of warm days and crisp nights, producing a wine with dynamic, linear energy on the palate, showing its succulence, body and intensity of flavour. This classical vintage will fill out in bottle over the next five years, ageing gracefully to reveal itself as one of the great vintages for Chardonnay in the Yarra Valley.

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Alcohol: 13.5%

RRP: \$55

Closure: Screwcap

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