



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

## DOMINIQUE PORTET YARRA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016

### VINE

We grow the fruit on our Yarra Valley vineyard on grey loam soils in Coldstream. In 2016 we had very dry conditions overall. Budburst came early in spring, which was warmer than usual. Summer was warm, too, but we had some welcome rain at the end of January to freshen things up.

### WINE

We picked the fruit by hand, relatively early to beat the heat and make sure the fruit was super-fresh. We carefully sorted and gently pressed the grapes, then fermented most of the juice (75%) in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness. The other 25% was fermented in new, tight-grained French oak barrels, where the wine matured for seven months. This is a touch longer than previously for us, because the greater intensity we're getting as the vines mature means the wine can take a little more oak. We also stirred the lees early on to build palate weight and depth.

### GLASS

The Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2016 has aromas of lemon peel, white flowers and sweet spice. The vintage is reflected in the depth and weight of fruit, with stone fruit and citrus shimmering through the rich, textured palate. A limey acid line gives the wine its hallmark vitality. It finishes pure and long with a wet stone-like mineral tone.

**Released:** November 2016

**Alcohol:** 13%

**RRP:** \$28

**Closure:** Screwcap

*Dominique Portet wines can be purchased via <http://dominiqueportet.com> or at the cellar door in the Yarra Valley.*

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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.