



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE RED 2015

Some wines demand to be sipped at and pored over; others poured in and knocked back. This Cabernet happily sits in the latter camp...

Vine

Grapes for the **Dominique Portet Fontaine Red 2015** come from a range of warmer 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 2016.

Glass

This is about enjoyment. It's no secret that we love Cabernet Sauvignon and its ability to produce venerable wines - but this is more about drinking than thinking. It shows how this noble grape variety can be soft and silky, juicy and open – you've just got to treat it right. This is bright, fresh and eminently swallowable, with ripe fruit flavours of blackcurrants and plums, a touch of fresh liquorice, a lick of spice and mellow tannins.

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Alcohol: 14%

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.