



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

## DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE ROSÉ 2016

### Vine

We aim to produce a rosé that is subtly complex and effortlessly drinkable. Impeccable balance is the order of the day, and this starts with very particularly selection of top quality fruit. We use various sites from throughout the Yarra Valley, all of which add a dimension to the wine. Cooler vineyards are key, as sites that get too warmth through the season can yield grapes that are too rich in flavour and colour, and which lack the delicate freshness we seek. This year's release is very much in the mould of the 2015 rendition, with bright-fruited charm and a savoury, sophisticated edge.

### Wine

The blend comprises 50% Merlot, 40% Shiraz and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. We picked the fruit by hand before gently crushing and pressing it. 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

The wine is a pretty, light salmon pink in colour. It shows floral perfume and sweet, pretty red fruits on the nose, as well as a slight pepperiness. Merlot and Shiraz combine to give the palate a spicy red-berry intensity, while the Cabernet adds a suggestion of blackberries. It has a gentle, creamy mouthfeel, and fine natural acidity draws out the palate to a pleasing, aromatic finish. This is as refreshing, satisfying and moreish a rosé as you could wish for.

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**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.