



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET YARRA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

VINE

We grow the fruit on our Yarra Valley vineyard on grey loam soils in Coldstream. The 2018 harvest in this region was warm and dry, yet the vines were in excellent form to produce good acidity levels and healthy fruit. We are extremely excited at the prospect for both whites and reds. The conditions allowed the grapes to develop a lovely spectrum of aromas and flavours to become enticingly fresh, with moderate sugar levels. It's a recipe for complex wines of great elegance – precisely what we aim for.

WINE

We picked ripe, healthy fruit by hand, relatively early to make sure everything was super fresh. We carefully sorted and gently pressed the grapes, then fermented most of the juice (70%) in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness. Fermentation temperatures were nice and cool for heightened aromatics. The other 30% was fermented in new, tight-grained French oak barrels, where the wine matured for six months. We also stirred the lees early on to build palate weight and depth. This year, we used malolactic fermentation to add further complexity (5%), which has brought another layer to this vintage.

GLASS

True to the vintage, the **Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2018** rises from the glass with beguiling promise. It has aromas of white blossom, lime zest, white stone fruits, dry grass and honeycomb. That same array drives through on a palate that is delightfully light, yet unfurls layers of complexity. There's textural interest from creamy lees and the barrel-fermented parcel adds dimension, but the overall impression is of delicacy and finesse. The hallmark limey acidity gives a crackle to the stone fruit, citrus and wet-stone notes, which retain great focus and vibrant acidity through a beautifully balanced finish.

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Alcohol: 13%

RRP: \$28

Closure: Screwcap

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