



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

Vine

The fruit was sourced from a range of vineyards in both the northern and southern ends of the Yarra Valley. The sites are north facing for maximum sunshine and are generally clay based soils with broken sandstone, allowing for excellent water retention. This enables the vines to handle summer drought and consistently deliver Cabernet Sauvignon that is concentrated and juicy with soft, silky tannins.

Season

The 2018 growing season's dry conditions and moderate yields resulted in wines of intensity and structure that delivered deliciously seductive dark fruit weight. It also allowed us to pursue a juicier, more slurpable style of Cabernet that retained plenty of refreshing acidity and bright colour.

Wine

A bit of a 'Médoc' blend this year, with 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot. Everything was picked and sorted by hand, de-stemmed and fermented at a relatively cool temperature to accentuate the beautiful aromatics of the Cabernet; while the other varieties played their part in adding freshness to such a warm year. Because of the powerful structure of the vintage, we kept the wine on skins for 3 weeks, softening, elongating and creating silky tannins. The wine was matured for 10 months in French oak barrels, 30% of which were new and bottled it in March 2019.

Glass

Dark, concentrated yet bright, and light on it's feet. Its elegant and remains exceptionally 'Yarra', while showing dark brooding fruits of plums and black cherries, enveloped with subtle oak spice notes. On the palate, it's restrained with great fruit purity - showcasing the best of what Yarra Valley Cabernet can achieve - poise, subtle detail and finesse. Juicy and fresh this is a wine with personality and huge approachability at such a young age.

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Alcohol: 13.5%

RRP: \$22

Closure: Screwcap

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ABOUT DOMINIQUE PORTET

The Portet family history stretches back 10 consecutive generations of winemaking to 18th century Bordeaux, with Dominique's father, André Portet running the esteemed Chateau Lafite-Rothschild as régisseur (general manager). Since 2006, Dominique has been joined by his son Ben to carry on the family tradition of crafting expressive wines that reflect two of Victoria's premium regions, the Yarra Valley and Heathcote. All the wines of this incredible heritage align, with an emphasis on longevity, elegance, and sheer drinkability. They produce a Sparkling and a still Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Shiraz and like good Bordelais, three Cabernet Sauvignon wines.