

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET FONTAINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Vine

For us, the Fontaine wines represent the full breadth of the Yarra Valley by sourcing from a range of vineyards in both the northern and southern ends of the Valley. The sites are all 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 yet elegant; as well as juicy with soft, silky tannins.

Season

A later season than 2019, we sure we were able to get ultimate ripeness. The dry winter, lead to a wet spring and mild summer with some heat spikes - in the end brought everything together and gave us a wine that resulted in really bright, juicy fruit. We strive for drinkability through elegance, and the season came through to help deliver exactly that.

Wine

A bit of a 'Médoc' blend this year, with 85% Cabernet Sauvignon,12% Merlot, 2% Malbec, and 1% Cabernet Franc. Everything is picked and sorted by hand, then destemmed and fermented at a relatively cool temperature to accentuate the aromatics and brightness. The wine spent 20 days on skins, before being moved to French oak barrels, of which 25% are new and then aged for 14 months.

Glass

Really bright, really fresh - a very deliciously styled wine. At 13% alcohol it offers immediate enjoyment and satisfaction with plenty of red berry fruits and bramble, but has length and offers a silky texture throughout. This is all about accessibility to the wine that makes this very easy to drink at long lunches, evening gatherings or even with a touch of chill - not a bad thing with summer coming and the type of year 2021 has been.

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Alcohol: 13% **RRP:** \$24

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 régissuer (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 Sparkling, Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Shiraz and like good Bordelais, three Cabernet Sauvignon wines.