



DOMINIQUE PORTET

Yarra Valley

DOMINIQUE PORTET YARRA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

Vine

Our Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the great clones that can trace its lineage in Australia back to the original colonial vine stock of the 1830s.* The 'Cape Clone' (also known as the Houghton Clone) forms the back bone of the Margaret River's success – it is equally brilliantly suited to the Yarra Valley. These clones sit in mature sandstone over clay soils, allowing for elegance and structure. This year, the remainder of the varieties in the blend were a touch of Cabernet Franc and a hint of Petit Verdot - both from our estate vineyard, also in Coldstream. The Petit Verdot had very deep colour and packed with packed spice, so only the tiniest amount was used to enhance the wine. The Cabernet Franc also had a great year – always giving lift, bright aromatics and fragrance.

Season

2018 will go down as one of the great vintages of our time. This warm, dry vintage gave us moderate yields that resulted in a deliciously silky and seductive dark fruit spectrum. The intensity and weight is balanced with structure and plenty refreshing acidity that allowed us to pursue a juicier, more slurpable style of Cabernet that is a joy to drink young, yet will beguile with age.

Wine

This was definitely a Cabernet vintage - the blend comprises of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. As always, the grapes were picked by hand and the fruit was sorted on our state-of-the-art sorting line, de-stemmed and gently crushed. The wine spent 25 days on skins to develop structure, a silky texture yet retain its freshness, brightness and lift. It was then aged in French oak (35% new) for 14 months before being estate bottled in August 2019.

Glass

This excellent vintage allowed us to really showcase the structure and flavour spectrum we are capable of achieving in the Yarra Valley. Everything came into balance - The fruit is dark, brooding and mouth coating; the tannins are svelte and long; the acidity is clean and refreshing. It all intertwines seamlessly, to give us a wine we consider to be bright, detailed, elegant and fine.

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Alcohol: 13.5%

RRP: \$70

Closure: Cork

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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 Victoria's premium region of the Yarra Valley. 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.

*Andrew Caillard MW