



DOMINIQUE PORTET

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Dominique Portet 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker: Ben Portet

Grape(s): 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petite Verdot

GI: Yarra Valley

Site(s): Estate vineyards across Yarra Valley

Vintage notes: 2018 was a warm, dry vintage that gave moderate yields that resulted in a dark fruit spectrum, but with plenty of acidity and structure. A cabernet vintage (over supporting grapes), with one of the highest percentages of cabernet seen in this wine.

Vineyard notes: The cabernet sauvignon comes from a mature Yarra Valley vineyard in Coldstream planted in soils of sandstone over clay. The remainder of the varieties in blend – petit verdot, malbec, cabernet franc come from our estate vineyard – also in Coldstream. Estate vineyards are farmed with soil health as top priority, with herbicides being eliminated in recent years, manual undervine cultivation, and the planting of cover crops.

Winemaking: The hand-picked grapes are sorted on the winery's state-of-the-art sorting line, then destemmed and gently crushed. The wine spends 25 days on skins to develop structure and a silky texture while still at peak freshness. It is aged in French oak (35% new) for 14 months before being bottled in August 2019.

Closure: Natural cork

ABV: 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A brooding and heady nose of fresh blackberry, red plum, boysenberry, river mint, graphite, toasted spice, and worn leather. The palate begins with a cloud of silky (but not heavy) fruit, supported by refreshing acidity, long tannins, and sinewy texture. The balance is impeccable, creating a wine that is delicious and open on release, but has potential for long cellaring.

Production size: 700 dozen

Scores: 97 Points, The Real Review (AUS); 96 Points, James Halliday (AUS); 94 Points, Gary Walsh (AUS)