



DOMINIQUE PORTET  
Yarra Valley

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## 2023 Single Vineyard Shiraz

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### VINE

Yarra Valley’s climate and ancient soils naturally lends itself to Shiraz of the cool climate vogue. These vines grow on a warm east facing slope of Steels Creek in the northern region of the Yarra. We generally pick the ripe grapes relatively early - when they’re at their best and brightest - balancing out the intensity of fruit with refreshing acidity, and lifted aromatics.

### WINE

We harvested by hand in March 2023 and bunches were sorted before destemming. 20% was fermented as whole bunches to coax and enhance the spice element and lift the aromatics. Fermentation takes place at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks for three weeks to build structure and silky tannins that help with the wine’s ability to age - something for which our wine’s are known for. The wine is then matured for 12 months in French oak (only 10% new) in large 500L puncheons - this is larger than the standard 225L barrel and allows the oak to integrate harmoniously as well as express the region’s fruit purity and quality.

### GLASS

Although we aim to produce serious Shiraz with structure and cellar potential, we find it’s also drinkable on release. The vintage’s bright colour and lifted notes of dark plums, spice and liquorice come through strongly. This year the wine is showing more medium bodied character and finesse, announced through silky fine tannin structure and balanced acidity through to the finish

### VINTAGE

This year was again cool through spring whilst finishing with enough warmth to ripen grapes beautifully. Although our climate is cool, we have enough warm days to allow for a long growing season, even ripeness and acidity retention, making wines that are bright with plenty of freshness. One could say that’s it was classic Yarra, in character - dark and brooding with great colour yet bright fruit with lovely white pepper, spice notes and lifted fragrance.

### SPECIFICATION

Alcohol	13.5%
Closure	Screwcap