



Port Phillip Estate Sauvignon 2018 – Tasting Notes

The Port Phillip Estate vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill, on Eocene volcanic soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

Vineyard

The Port Phillip Estate Sauvignon is a single site wine produced from 0.65 hectares of estate vineyard.

Winemaking

The grapes were gently whole-bunch pressed into old French oak barriques, where fermentation occurred spontaneously with ambient yeasts. Once dry, the wine was left sur lie for several months prior to bottling. The wine was bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

Following a wet Winter, budburst commenced relatively late in mid-September. The Winter rainfall set up the vineyards well for Spring with overall temperatures during Spring slightly higher than average accompanied by below average rainfall. Flowering

commenced mid late November with ideal weather conditions, resulting in one of the best fruit sets in many years.

The mild to warm conditions continued throughout Summer and veraison commenced in mid-January. Harvest delivered fruitful crop loads matched with very stable weather conditions, ensuring vine performance and good ripeness. Picking commenced late February and the viticultural team worked steadily until the beginning of April delivering outstanding fruit. The white wines display excellent acidity, depth and intense fruit flavours. The red wines look poised and elegant with powerful aromatics and a great balance between tannin and acid.

Tasting Note – September 2018

Guava, lemon peel, dill and fresh cut pineapple on the nose. Hints of juiciness on the palate, otherwise it is full of grapefruit pith and the drying structural elements we see from our Red Hill property. The finish is long and focused.

Alcohol

14.0%