



## Port Phillip Estate Sauvignon 2020 – Tasting Notes

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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 vineyard wine produced from 0.65 hectares of estate vineyard.

### Winemaking

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

### Vintage

A cold wet Winter, with approximately 195 mm of rain falling over June, July and August, set up the vineyards well. A mild and early Spring followed. Conditions cooled somewhat in the lead up

to flowering in early-mid November and continued throughout flowering, delaying fruit set.

A milder than usual Summer slowed the phenology of the vines. Veraison in many of our parcels was in early February, approximately two to three weeks behind the five-year average. The region received several large rainfalls during late Summer, 200 mm in total, more than double that of the same period the previous year. These rainfalls were managed effectively, and the vineyard remained disease-free.

Harvest commenced 11 March compared to 25 February the previous year. Weather during harvest was ideal, with cool overnight temperatures leading to very mild daytime temperatures. Our viticultural team worked steadily through the calm yet constant harvest.

Yields were significantly lower than average due to the extended cool flowering period. Despite low yields, the quality of the fruit was excellent.

### Tasting Note – October 2020

Bright and intense on the nose. The wine offers grapefruit, mandarin and some tropical fruit notes along with a touch of leafy herbaceousness. An inviting softness on the mid-palate leads to a long and taut finish, complete with citrus-infused acidity and flavours of blackcurrant and elderflower.

13% alc.