



Rochford Estate Range 'La Droite'

Varietal: 55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Franc

Vintage: 2017

Cellaring: 8-10 years

Alcohol: 13.3%

Tasting Notes: Inspired by the blends of the Right Bank in Bordeaux where merlot is significantly more pronounced, this elegant but genuinely firm blend of merlot and cabernet franc marries the dark cherries and plums of merlot with a floral perfume and cassis-like fruit of cabernet franc. Supported by a fine spine of drying, kernelly tannins, it delivers length and purity, finishing with a lingering core of fruit sweetness.

Winemaking Notes: Destemmed to open fermenter, short cold soak, natural fermentation and pressed to French barrels (10% new). 10 months in oak, racked before bottling, no fining.

Viticultural Notes: Our Hill Road vineyard and winery is located at Coldstream, 40kms east of Melbourne in Victoria's oldest grape growing region, the Yarra Valley. Grown on ancient, mountain derived sandy clay loams, these rocky soils combined with our thirty-year-old vines are at the heart of this wine. Named 'la Droite' after the right bank in Bordeaux where the majority varietal in the blend is Merlot. 2017 was a return to a classic Yarra Valley growing season after several warm years, however we were blessed with perfect sunshine for the majority of the harvest period.