



## **Rochford Estate 'la Droite' 2018**

**Varieties:** Merlot 57%, Cabernet Sauvignon 18%, Cabernet Franc 14%, 11% Petit Verdot

### **Tasting Notes:**

Smooth and gentle, supple and elegant, this merlot-driven blend of red Bordeaux varieties unfolds a spicy, floral bouquet of pristine dark cherries, plums, redcurrants and cassis knit with fresh cedar/vanilla oak and earthy complexity. Medium in weight, it's lusciously fruited, handsomely cloaked in tight-grained mocha/chocolate oak and framed by a fine, powdery extract. Likely to build richness in the bottle, it finishes with tightness and integration.

### **Viticulture Notes:**

The 2018 harvest will be remembered fondly by winemakers in the Yarra Valley. It was a rare season that gave above average yields and excellent quality fruit. Dry sunny conditions with cool overnight temperatures provided good natural acidity and concentrated wines at lower alcohol levels.

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.

We have named this wine 'la Droite' after wines from the right bank in Bordeaux where the key varietal in the blend is Merlot.

### **Technical Data:**

Alcohol 13.9%  
Contains Sulphites  
Vegan Wine