



## Coldstream Hills

### Reserve Merlot 2000

Coldstream Hills Reserve Merlot, first produced in 1997, is made in restricted quantities from the best grapes of our vineyards. (There was zero production in 1999).

It is made in a similar fashion to the varietal merlot, but with a higher percentage of new oak, about fifty percent, and spends longer in barrels. More powerful and structured than the varietal, it will age well for more than ten years.

### Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

### Vintage Conditions

The growing season started well, with the right amount of rainfall resulting in good budburst and even flowering. An even, dry summer - right up until harvest - produced high-quality fruit with the acid and fruit structure that the Yarra Valley is known for.

### Grape Variety

Merlot

### Maturation

The wine was aged for 14 months in a combination of new and 2-year-old French oak.

### Top Awards

Trophy 2002 Sydney Royal Wine Show  
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## Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



### Colour

Deep vibrant red.



### Nose

Intense plum and spice combine with hints of tobacco and French oak.



### Palate

A rich, but elegant wine, with long, fine and complex flavours. This wine represents a landmark for this variety in Australia.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

### Last Tasted

18 Jul 2002

### Peak Drinking

Now - 2015

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Cheese

