



Coldstream Hills

Reserve Chardonnay 1996

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday. Situated in the cool and beautiful Yarra Valley, its steep, close-planted vineyards have become a signature of the region.

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

Notwithstanding the above average rainfall and cool conclusion to the vintage, 1996 was a more successful year for Chardonnay than 1995. The amount of Botrytis was kept to a minimum, and the wines have good intensity and fine flavour.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Winemaker Comments: James Halliday



Colour

Light to medium yellow green.



Nose

Smooth melon and fig is interwoven through faintly spicy French oak, with just a hint of cashew from the small percentage taken through malolactic fermentation.



Palate

While tight and restrained, the palate has more weight and flesh than the 1995, and should develop extremely well over the next five plus years.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.0%
Acidity: 6.30g/L
pH: 3.29

Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

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Food Matches

Ideally suited to Chicken,
Pasta, Seafood

