



Coldstream Hills

Reserve Pinot Noir 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

1996 is generally agreed by the winemakers of the Yarra Valley to be a very good year for Pinot Noir, and Coldstream Hills is no exception. The grapes were picked before the rain arrived, and after a very warm January. Low yields (under two tonnes per acre) have resulted in wines of exceptional concentration and style.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Winemaker Comments: James Halliday



Colour

Strong red purple.



Nose

Already shows considerable complexity, with plum, spice and forest aromas of medium to full intensity.



Palate

A wine of above-average concentration, with plum, spice and foresty/briary flavours supported by toasty French (Tronçais) oak. Considerably richer than the 1995, harking back to the 1994.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%
Acidity: 6.20g/L
pH: 3.48



Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Asian, Duck & Game