



Coldstream Hills

Reserve Chardonnay 1997

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

After two wet vintages an uncompromisingly dry one - a tiny yield to boot. The concentration is immediately apparent, the fruit soaking up the 50% new French oak.

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

As always, 100% barrel fermented, and 15% taken through malolactic fermentation. It spent 10 months in barrel, with prolonged lees contact.

Winemaker Comments: James Halliday



Colour

Light yellow-green.



Nose

Melon, fig and stone fruit flavours are interwoven with a touch of spicy barrel ferment character.



Palate

By far the richest since '94, and probably the richest ever. The integration of fruit and oak is near perfect, the mouth-coating flavours balanced by good acidity on the finish.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 7.10g/L
pH: 3.35



Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Chicken,
Pasta, Seafood