



Coldstream Hills

Reserve Pinot Noir 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

This was a year to bring a broad smile to the winemakers' faces and a frown to the bank managers'. The yield for this wine was less than one tonne to the acre (in French terms, around 13 hectolitres per hectare) thanks to the tiny berries and bunches, which weighed around 40 grams per bunch instead of the usual 90 grams.

Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation

10 months in new and used French oak barriques.

Winemaker Comments: James Halliday



Colour

Medium purple - red



Nose

Fine, with typical plum and black cherry fruit, balanced by gently chewy/spicy oak.



Palate

Far more elegant than the very low yields would suggest, with complexity showing through the foresty/gamey nuances. Excellent length, with soft tannins amplifying the finish.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 6.90g/L
pH: 3.55



Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

Now - 2010

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Asian, Duck & Game