



Coldstream Hills

Varietal Merlot 1997

It has been seven years since Coldstream Hills produced its one and only previous Merlot, from 1990. A lot of investment, time and energy have been invested in building our plantings of Merlot, and the vintage 1997 has proven to be a long overdue reward.

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Grape Variety

Merlot

Maturation

16 months in used French oak.

Winemaker Comments: James Halliday



Colour

Bright and healthy, with purple hues predominant.



Nose

The gently savoury bouquet is clean, showing ripe fruit and no green elements.



Palate

The palate has excellent texture and length, with the lively, lingering fine tannin finish one expects of Merlot. Once again, there are no leafy/stalky characters to be found.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 6.00g/L
pH: 3.41

Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

Now - 2004

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Lamb, Pasta

