

# Coldstream Hills

## Reserve Merlot 1998

Coldstream Hills Reserve Merlot was first made in 1997 (none in 1999) and always in restricted quantities from the best grapes coming from our vineyards. It is made in a similar fashion to the varietal merlot, but with a higher percentage of new oak, about fifty percent, and spends longer in barrel. More powerful and structured than the varietal, it will age well for more than ten years.

### Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

### Vintage Conditions

This is the second release of our Reserve Merlot. The warm vintage conditions allowed the berries to fully develop rich complex flavours.

### Grape Variety

Merlot

### Maturation

Sixteen months in new and seasoned French oak barriques.



## Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



### Colour

Deep vibrant red.



### Nose

Intense plum and spice combine with hints of tobacco and French oak.



### Palate

A rich but elegant wine, with long, fine and complex flavours. This wine represents a landmark for this variety in Australia.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%  
Acidity: 6.00g/L  
pH: 3.38

### Last Tasted

15 Nov 2000

### Peak Drinking

2001 - 2007

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Cheese

