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Varietal Merlot 1998

Although a temperamental variety in the vineyard - sometimes producing no grapes at all, Merlot is particularly well suited (in flavour terms) to warmer slopes in the Yarra Valley.

Predominantly estate-grown, Coldstream Hills Merlot is open fermented and matured in French oak barriques (one third new, the remainder older) and bottled after 16 to 18 months in oak.

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

1998 was a very warm vintage allowing the berries to fully develop complex flavours and excellent sugar levels.

Grape Variety

Merlot

Maturation

18 months in new and used French oak barriques.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming

Colour

Bright and healthy, with purple hues predominant.

Nose

Sweet berry fruit with seamless French oak, hints of cedar and spice.

Palate

The wine displays fully ripe savoury berries and plums and fine tannins.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol:	13.5%
Acidity:	6.40g/L
pH:	3.41

Last Tasted

27 Jul 2000

Peak Drinking

Now - 2006

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Pasta, Duck & Game, Lamb