



# Coldstream Hills

## Varietal Merlot 2000

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 14 to 16 months in oak.

### Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

### Vintage Conditions

A hot and dry summer, followed by warm, sunny Autumn weather provided ideal conditions for ripening and flavour development. Yields and berry size were normal. The wines made have great concentration of flavour, mid palate texture and length.

### Grape Variety

Merlot

### Maturation

Matured in 100% French oak barriques (50% new) for 14 months.

## Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



### Colour

Medium to full red-purple.



### Nose

An array of blackberry, mocha, chocolate, spice and earth aromas, the fruit having all but swallowed the oak.



### Palate

Rich and ripe, with pronounced mid-palate fruit sweetness, followed by fine-grained tannins and neatly balanced oak on the finish.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.9%  
Acidity: 6.60g/L  
pH: 3.50



### Last Tasted

31 Jan 2002

### Peak Drinking

2003 - 2010

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Lamb,  
Cheese, Beef