

# Coldstream Hills



## Varietal Sauvignon Blanc 2002

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday. Situated in the cool and beautiful Yarra Valley, little more than a one hour drive from Melbourne, its steep, close-planted vineyards have become a signature of the region, as have its wines.

Coldstream Hills became part of the Southcorp Wine Group in July 1996 and will continue to make its wines as it always has done with the winemaking team headed by James Halliday.

Forming an integral part of the Coldstream Hills varietal range, the 2002 Sauvignon Blanc was made principally from our grapes grown in the Upper Yarra Valley and a small portion of grapes from our Coldstream Vineyard. In keeping with the previous styles, a small proportion was barrel fermented in French oak to help add texture and complexity.

## Regional Source

Predominantly Yarra Valley and selected cool climate sites in Victoria such as Glenlofty and Heathcote.

## Vintage Conditions

The 2002 season proved to be challenging with very cool early conditions, followed by an uncharacteristically mild summer. The mild summer conditions (commonly 2-3 degrees lower than average) in Victoria provided high quality potential. An extended dry, warm autumn allowed completion of ripening in most regions.

## Grape Variety

Sauvignon Blanc

## Maturation

Temperature controlled fermentation occurred in 100% stainless steel.

## Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



### Colour

Light yellow green.



### Nose

A highly fragrant bouquet highlighting the lantana and passionfruit spectrum.



### Palate

A lively intense wine with sweet ripe fruit flavours and fine acidity. The wine is quite complex with excellent varietal depth and finishes superbly clean and dry.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%

### Last Tasted

18 Jul 2002

### Peak Drinking

Now

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Asian, Aperitif, Vegetarian

