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Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

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.

This is the third vintage of varietal Cabernet Sauvignon to be released under the Coldstream Hills label. The vintage conditions were fine and warm, ideal for ripening this variety.

Regional Source

Yarra Valley.

Vintage Conditions

2005 began with good rains early in the season and bud burst was followed by great flowering and fruit set. The summer was wet and cool, allowing the vines to thrive. The rains stopped in January and perfect conditions followed, in fact some of the best on record. The vines ripened quickly with the fruit showing great colour, intense flavour, good structure and excellent natural acid levels.

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

This wine was matured for 15 months in a combination of new, one, two, three and four year old French oak.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



Colour

Dark medium red with a purple hue.



Nose

Classic cool climate Cabernet characters of cassis, blueberry and dark cherry meld with underlying dark chocolate notes and cedary oak.



Palate

A medium bodied wine with fine, powdery tannins and great length. The palate exhibits fruit characters of cassis and blueberry, with dark chocolate and vanilla bean notes adding further complexity. Cedary, toasty oak is evident and is harmoniously integrated. This wine exhibits classic cool climate Cabernet characters from the mild 2005 vintage.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

Last Tasted

7 December 2006

Peak Drinking

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Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Cheese