



Coldstream Hills

Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2008

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday and has since grown to become one of Australia's leading and most awarded small wineries.

Situated in the picturesque Yarra Valley east of Melbourne, the steep close planted vineyards of Coldstream Hills have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines, which reflect regional character, consistency and style.

Sourced from low yielding vineyards in the Lower and Upper Yarra Valley, all fruit is selectively handpicked prior to its delivery into the winery. It is made using a variety of handling and fermentation techniques, including the use of whole bunches. Each batch is then matured in new and used oak for nine months, prior to blending and bottling.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

The growing season began well, as winter rainfall had provided some moisture to the soil and the risk of frost had been reduced. However, well below average spring rainfall caused considerable concern, with irrigation dams being at record low levels. Fortunately, late spring and early summer rains fell just at the right time, particularly as fruit set and crops were above average. A cool February allowed even ripening with good acid retention, however a blistering heatwave in March made conditions extremely difficult. A vintage with two distinctive halves, 2008 will be remembered as being compressed, hot and very challenging.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March 2008

pH 3.74

Acidity 5.75g/L

Alcohol 14.0%

Residual Sugar 0.78g/L

Bottling Date January 2008

Peak Drinking To 2014

Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation

Matured for nine months in a mixture of new (27%) and seasoned French oak barrels.

Colour

Medium red with a purple hue.

Nose

Attractive varietal fruit characters of cherry and raspberry are evident with underlying gaminess and spice. Toasty oak adds further complexity to the wine's bouquet, but does not dominate.

Palate

Medium bodied in style with silky texture and length. Cherry and plum fruit characters dominate the palate with underlying gaminess and spice.