



## *Coldstream Hills*

### **Cabernet Sauvignon** 2007

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday. From its initial vintage of 450 cases, it has grown to become one of Australia's leading small wineries with a reputation that belies its size.

The Coldstream Hills Cabernet Sauvignon was first made in 2003 and is sourced from fruit grown in the Lower Yarra Valley. As a later maturing variety, north facing hillside slopes are preferred to ensure optimum ripening of fruit and varietal expression.

The winemaking of Cabernet Sauvignon at Coldstream Hills is traditional in technique, with fruit being fermented with natural yeast in small batches. In some instances, extended maceration is carried out post fermentation to build structure and complexity into the wine.

Coldstream Hills Cabernet Sauvignon is matured for fifteen months in French oak barrels (approximately twenty five percent new) prior to blending and bottling.

### **Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming**

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#### **Vineyard Region**

Yarra Valley

#### **Vintage Conditions**

Despite the Yarra Valley's difficulties in 2007 with frost, hail, bushfires and drought, Coldstream Hills remained relatively unscathed. As the majority of our vineyards are planted on hillside slopes, frost caused minimal damage. Water availability was a concern, but below average yields, early flavour development and harvest reduced irrigation requirements. The cool nights throughout the ripening season ensured that natural acidity levels remained in good balance.

#### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** March 2007

**pH** 3.53

**Acidity** 6.9g/L

**Alcohol** 13.0%

**Residual Sugar** 0.5g/L

**Bottling Date** August 2008

**Peak Drinking** To 2018.

#### **Grape Variety**

Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Maturation**

This wine was matured for 15 months in French oak barriques - 41% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak.

#### **Colour**

Dark medium red.

#### **Nose**

Dark fruits of blackcurrant and cherry are evident with attractive cedar and toasty oak nuances.

#### **Palate**

The wine is medium bodied in structure with powdery tannins, texture and length. Blackcurrants and dark cherries are evident with classic leafy, dusty Cabernet notes. Charry, toasty oak provides additional complexity and structure to the palate.