



Coldstream Hills

Chardonnay 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.

Situated in the cool Yarra Valley east of Melbourne, its steep, close-planted vineyards have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines (most notably Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs) which reflect a climate cooler than Bordeaux and slightly warmer than Burgundy.

Sourced predominantly from fruit grown in the cool Upper Yarra Valley, the 2007 Coldstream Hills Chardonnay was barrel fermented and matured on lees in French oak barriques for nine months.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

Despite the Yarra Valley's difficulties 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 balanced with minimal adjustment necessary.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date February-March 2007

pH 3.32

Acidity 5.80g/L

Alcohol 13.00%

Residual Sugar g/L

Bottling Date January 2008

Peak Drinking 2008- 2011

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

Nine months in 100% French oak - 26% new.

Colour

Pale straw with green tints.

Nose

Vibrant citrus lemon peel and nectarine fruit characters with underlying toasty oak and minerality.

Palate

A fine elegant style with attractive citrus and stonefruit characters. Barrel fermentation cashew nut characters add further complexity, finishing with integrated toasty oak and balanced acidity. Predominantly sourced from the Upper Yarra Valley, this wine exhibits attractive cool climate Chardonnay characters from the dry 2007 vintage.