



## *Coldstream Hills*

### **Pinot Noir** 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.

The Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir is made using a variety of handling and fermentation techniques, including the use of whole bunches. It was then matured for nine months, 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 balanced with minimal adjustment necessary.

#### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** February-March 2007

**pH** 3.63

**Acidity** 5.80g/L

**Alcohol** 13.00%

**Residual Sugar** g/L

**Bottling Date** January 2008

**Peak Drinking** 2008-2011

#### **Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir

#### **Maturation**

Matured for nine months in a mixture of new (31%) and old French oak.

#### **Colour**

Medium red with vibrant purple hue.

#### **Nose**

Fragrant cherry and blueberry fruit characters with underlying gaminess and spice. Toasty oak is evident adding further complexity.

#### **Palate**

Medium bodied style with fine silky tannins and length. Vibrant fruit characters of cherry, strawberry and blueberry are evident with stalky savoury notes and spice. Toasty oak is evident, but does not dominate. An elegant style from the extremely dry 2007 vintage.