



# Coldstream Hills

## 2016 Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay is the culmination of a strict selection process, where wine quality is paramount.

Produced only in years where the quality is deemed to be exceptional, the wine is made from a selection of low yielding and mature vineyards. The Coldstream Hills Briarston Vineyard provides an outstanding resource of Bernard clone (French clone) Chardonnay, which adds elegance and length to the wine. Gentle handling practices, including whole bunch pressing are carried out, with each batch undergoing barrel fermentation in new and seasoned French oak.

Blocks: Briarston 4, Coldstream G and House.

Clones: Bernard 76, 95, 96, 277 and I10V1

Planted: 1985 – 1994

Soil: Grey clay-loam

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

**Vintage conditions:** An un-seasonally warm Spring led to early budburst and fruit set. Canopies were healthy with yields generally above average. Dry, favourable conditions ensued with rapid fruit ripening and an uncharacteristically compressed vintage. Fruit quality was high, with the wines produced being generous in flavour.

### Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 11 - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

pH 3.11

Acidity 7.2g/L

Alcohol 13.0%

Residual Sugar 1.5g/L

Bottling Date 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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**Maturation** This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in new (54%) and seasoned French oak puncheons and barriques.

### **Colour**

Pale straw with trace green.

### **Bouquet**

Restrained and fine, with notes of lemon zest, white flowers and subtle French oak. Underlying nuances of lemon barley and wet slate flintiness add further appeal to the bouquet.

### **Palate**

Fine and long, with great texture and beautifully balanced acidity. Grapefruit citrus notes and hints of lemon barley and nougat are underpinned by seamless French oak and developing nuances of wet slate. Youthful and needing time in the Cellar to evolve.