

Coldstream Hills



2012 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.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: The growing season was characterised by late spring rainfall followed by relatively warm and dry conditions. The vineyards responded accordingly with healthy canopies and vigour.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date February 2012

pH 3.11

Acidity 6.7g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 2.05g/L

Bottling Date 22nd February 2013

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Maturation This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in new (44%) and seasoned French oak barriques and puncheons.

Colour Pale straw with trace green.

Nose Attractive peach stone-fruit and white flowers are underpinned by nuances of lemon barley, nougat and lemon curd.

Palate The palate is fine in style, with creamy texture and finely balanced lemon acidity. White peach and lemon pith dominate with seamless French oak and hints of wet slate adding further complexity.