



Coldstream Hills

Coldstream Hills Reserve Shiraz 2010

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Shiraz is made from a selection of low yielding hillside vineyards located in the Lower Yarra Valley. The wine was first made in 1998 and was originally released as Coldstream Hills Limited Release Shiraz. In 2006, it was decided that future vintages should be part of the Coldstream Hills Reserve program.

Shiraz at Coldstream Hills is made using a number of techniques including fermentation in small open and static fermentation vessels. In some years, a small percentage of Viognier is included to give the wine greater mouth feel and lift. The wine is matured in French oak barrels for approximately sixteen months, prior to blending and bottling. It is then bottle matured for twelve months prior to release.

Silky and concentrated, the wine displays all the hallmarks of cool climate Shiraz and will reward careful cellaring for at least ten years.

Winemaker Comments

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley - Denton Vineyard

Vintage Conditions

The growing season began well with good rainfall in September. Average to above average rainfall fell in the ensuing months resulting in excellent vine health. The ripening period was characterised by an extended period of warm conditions without the extremes of the 2009 vintage. Fruit ripened quickly, but evenly, resulting in a compressed harvest period across all varieties.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 19th March 2010

pH 3.62

Acidity 6.4g/L

Alcohol 14%

Residual Sugar 0.6g/L

Bottling Date 12th August 2011

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Grape Variety

Shiraz 100%

Maturation

The wine is matured in new (35%) and seasoned French oak barrels for sixteen months.

Colour

Dark medium cherry red with a purple violet hue.

Nose

Attractive cool climate characters of dark plum with cracked black pepper, rose petal and hints of anise. French oak is evident and provides additional complexity and lift to the bouquet.

Palate

Medium bodied in style, the palate is rich and textural with the variety's soft, yet persistent tannins. Dark plum and cherry notes dominate the palate with secondary characters of black pepper, spice and licorice. The subtle and harmonious use of French oak is evident and complements both fruit intensity and palate structure. An excellent example of cool climate Shiraz.