

# Coldstream Hills



## 2017 Rising Vineyard Chardonnay

Coldstream Hills prides itself for having access to many of the best vineyards in the Yarra Valley. These sites are found throughout the upper and lower Yarra Valley with each vineyard providing a range of unique characteristics to the wines.

Back in the late 1980s, James Halliday introduced single vineyard wines to Coldstream Hills and demonstrated their unique styles. The tradition continued in 2009 with the release of the Single Vineyard range.

**Block:** Birdwood

**Vines planted:** 1991

**Clone:** Penfolds 58

**Aspect:** South facing

**Soil:** Mudstone rubble over clay

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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### **Vintage conditions:**

The 2017 vintage was a return to near perfect growing conditions with a cool spring followed by a mild to warm summer. Rainfall and yields were typical, allowing grape flavour and sugar to slowly develop and achieve optimum ripeness. The vintage produced a wine with excellent acid retention, freshness, vibrancy and great balance.

### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** 18-19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**pH** 3.32

**Acidity** 6.6g/L

**Alcohol** 13.0 %

**Residual Sugar** 1.2 g/L

**Bottling Date** 27th February 2018

**Peak Drinking** Now to 2028

**Maturation** This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in seasoned and new (35%) French oak barriques and puncheons.

**Colour** Pale straw with trace green.

**Bouquet** Vibrant notes of lemon barley, grapefruit pith and lime zest are underpinned beautifully with nuances of wet stone/slate and seamless French oak.

**Palate** Fine, textured and layered, the palate displays aromatic fruit characters of grapefruit and lemon barley, which are further enhanced by subtle French oak and mineral slate. The wine has great length and consistency, finishing with beautifully balanced citrus acidity.

An outstanding Rising Vineyard Chardonnay vintage.