

Coldstream Hills



2018 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

Vintage conditions:

A cool start to the growing season was overshadowed by a warm and humid late Spring. Dry conditions prevailed throughout the summer months with gloriously warm days and cool nights. A relatively early start to the season, which was fortunately tempered by an even period of sugar and flavour development.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 2nd & 6th March 2018

pH 3.32

Acidity 6.7g/L

Alcohol 13.0%

Residual Sugar 1.6 g/L

Bottling Date February 2019

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

Colour Pale straw.

Bouquet A distinctive Rising Vineyard vintage, with vibrant notes of nectarine, citrus blossom and quince. Secondary notes of nougat and wet slate add complexity with subtle French oak providing support in the background.

Palate Pure and textural, the wine displays aromatic lemon citrus, nectarine and quince characters, which are complemented harmoniously by seamless French oak and mineral slate. The wine has great length and evenness, finishing with beautifully balanced citrus acidity.