

# Coldstream Hills

## 2016 Coldstream Hills 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.

### Rising Vineyard, St Andrews

**Blocks:** Birdwood & Bibs

**Vines planted:** 1991

**Clone:** Penfolds 58, I10V1

**Aspect:** South facing

**Soil:** Mudstone rubble over clay

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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**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** 19 - 22nd February 2016

**pH** 3.27

**Acidity** 6.6g/L

**Alcohol** 12.5%

**Residual Sugar** 0.8g/L

**Bottling Date** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

**Peak Drinking** Now to 2026

**Maturation** This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in French oak – forty six percent new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques and puncheons.

### **Colour**

Pale straw with trace green.

### **Bouquet**

Vibrant and aromatic, with attractive characters of grapefruit pith, apple blossom and lemon barley. Hints of struck match and wet slate add complexity with subtle French oak evident in the background.

### **Palate**

A fine and layered palate with complexity of flavour, texture and beautifully balanced acidity. Fruit characters of grapefruit and white nectarine are complemented by secondary notes of wet slate and seamless French oak.