

*Coldstream Hills*

## Deer Farm Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

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 demonstrating their unique styles. The tradition has continued with the release of the Single Vineyard range.

### *Deer Farm Vineyard*

Block E

Vines planted: 1994

Clone: MV6

Aspect: North facing

Soil: Duplex grey clay-loam



## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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### **Vineyard Region**

Upper Yarra Valley

### **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. Poor weather, however, at fruit set resulted in lower than average yields in the cooler parts of the Upper Yarra. In the vineyard, the onset of flavour developed at relatively low sugar levels resulting in an early start to harvest.

### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** 8th March 2012

**pH** 3.54

**Acidity** 5.8g/L

**Alcohol** 13.5%

**Residual Sugar** 0.14g/L

**Bottling Date** 13th February 2013

**Peak Drinking** To 2021

### **Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir

### **Maturation**

This wine spent nine months in French oak – thirty three percent new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques and puncheons.

### **Colour**

Light-medium crimson cherry red.

### **Nose**

The bouquet is fragrant and perfumed, with muddled strawberry, cranberry and sour cherry fruit characters dominating. French oak underpins the fruit aromas and is further enhanced with nuances of spice and whole berry savouriness.

### **Palate**

The palate is elegant, complex and long with silky texture and a fine, powdery tannin finish. Red berry fruits of strawberry, cherry and raspberry are evident with underlying spice and savouriness. French oak underpins the palate with seamless oak integration, structure, and persistence.

A classic Upper Yarra Pinot Noir from the outstanding 2012 vintage.