



## *Coldstream Hills*

### **Rising Vineyard Chardonnay 2009**

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 recommenced with the release of the 2009 Single Vineyard range.

#### ***Rising Vineyard***

Grower: Neil and Elizabeth Roberts

Vines planted: 1991

Clone: Penfolds 58

Aspect: South facing

Soil: Mudstone rubble over clay

### **Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming**

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#### **Vineyard Region**

Lower Yarra Valley - Rising Vineyard.

#### **Vintage Conditions**

Adequate spring rainfall, low to average yields and a relatively cool start to summer gave real promise to an outstanding vintage. Without any effective rain in January & February and combined with five days of extreme heat, the region tragically experienced the worst bushfires in living memory. Paradoxically, climate data shows that despite the extreme heat, overall it was a mild season and this is reflected by high natural acidity in the wines. The whites, which were all hand picked and whole bunch pressed, are fine with great acidity, flavour and length. It was a different story for the reds however - with much of the fruit remaining on the vine.

#### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** 7 March 2009

**pH** 3.20

**Acidity** 6.9g/L

**Alcohol** 12.5%

**Residual Sugar** 0.4g/L

**Bottling Date** September 2010

**Peak Drinking** To 2018

#### **Grape Variety**

Chardonnay

#### **Maturation**

This wine spent ten months in 100% French oak - 50% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barrels.

#### **Colour**

Pale yellow / straw.

#### **Nose**

Fragrant nectarine and lemon peel notes, with attractive toasty oak and barrel fermentation characters of grilled almonds. Matchstick and mineral notes add further complexity to the bouquet.

#### **Palate**

Complex and refined, with fruit characters of lemon pith and nectarine. The palate is very even and long with secondary barrel fermentation characters, beautifully integrated French oak and balanced acidity. Underlying mineral characters are evident and will continue to develop as the wine matures.