



Coldstream Hills

Rising Vineyard Chardonnay 2010

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 2010 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

Vineyard Region

Lower Yarra Valley - Rising Vineyard.

Vintage Conditions

The growing season began well with good rainfall in September. Average to above average rainfall fell in the ensuing months resulting in excellent vine health. The ripening period was characterised by an extended period of warm conditions without the extremes of the 2009 vintage. Fruit ripened quickly, but evenly, resulting in a compressed vintage period across all varieties.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 3rd March 2010

pH 3.50

Acidity 6.4g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.4g/L

Bottling Date 24th February 2011

Peak Drinking To 2019

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

This wine spent nine months in 100% French oak barriques and puncheons - 23% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barrels.

Colour

Vibrant straw with trace green.

Nose

Rich and full with attractive stonefruit, honeydew melon and mealy notes. Attractive French oak supports the wine, but does not dominate. Underlying matchflint and grilled nut barrel fermentation notes add further complexity.

Palate

Rich and complex with attractive barrel fermentation notes and fruit characters of stonefruit and citrus. The palate is very even and long with secondary barrel fermentation characters, beautifully integrated French oak and balanced acidity.