

Coldstream Hills



2016 Yarra Valley Chardonnay

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday and has since grown to become one of Australia's leading and most awarded small wineries. Situated in the picturesque Yarra Valley east of Melbourne, the steep, close-planted vineyards of Coldstream Hills have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines, which reflect regional character, consistency and style.

Sourced from hillside sloping vineyards in the Upper and Lower Yarra Valley, the grapes are pressed using gentle handling techniques. Coldstream Hills Chardonnay is barrel fermented and matured in French oak barrels for up to nine months prior to blending and bottling. The Upper Yarra Chardonnay generally provides attractive citrus characters, with mineral slate notes and length; the Lower Yarra is often fleshier in style with attractive white peach and quince characters. Blending of parcels from both regions produces wines of complexity, varietal definition and length.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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 a uncharacteristically compressed vintage. Fruit quality was high, with the wines produced being generous in flavour.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date Feb-March 2016

pH 3.31

Acidity 5.6g/L

Alcohol 13.5 %

Residual Sugar 1.1g/L

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Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation Fermented and matured in seasoned and new (21%) French oak barriques, puncheons and vats.

Colour Pale straw

Nose Elegantly framed, with attractive notes of pear, white peach and lemon barley. Hints of nougat, grilled nuts and subtle French oak offer complexity and persistence.

Palate Lemon barley and white peach characters dominate with secondary notes of nougat, grilled nuts and seamless French oak. The palate is generous and textural with beautifully balanced lemon pith like acidity. Nuances of wet slate are evident and will continue to evolve as the wine matures.