

# *Coldstream Hills*

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*Amphitheatre Club*

SPRING 2024 COLLECTION



## *A message from Andrew Fleming, Chief Winemaker*

On the eve of the 40th anniversary of Coldstream Hills, it is perhaps appropriate to pause and reflect on recent announcements and changes. Founder of Coldstream Hills, James Halliday AM has announced his intention to withdraw from the wine media and to focus his attention on writing his “swansong” book. His commitment to Coldstream Hills has been uncompromising along the way – an incredible contribution not only to the Brand but also to the wine industry.

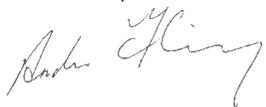
Much is happening in our Vineyards with a replanting program underway to address ageing and underperforming vines. Newly selected plantings of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have commenced and will create exciting opportunities for Coldstream Hills once bearing and into the future.

The wines from the 2024 vintage are maturing quietly in barrel with Chardonnay looking to be the consistent standout. Unlike previous vintages, the season was characterised by generally warmer and drier conditions with a relatively rapid and compressed onset to ripening and harvest.

Our Spring collection offers an array of wines predominantly from the 2023 vintage. New to the range are two Single Vineyard wines from our recently acquired Beenak Vineyard. One of the coolest locales within the Yarra and offers great potential into the future. Coldstream Hills Reserve, Deer Farm and Beenak provide three great expressions of Chardonnay for white appreciators, and for those who enjoy their reds, Pinot Noir is beautifully represented with Reserve, Deer Farm, Esplanade and now Beenak. The 2023 Reserve Cabernet also makes a welcome return after a hiatus of four years and demonstrates the region’s ability to also produce high-quality late-maturing reds.

Please enjoy the new release packs from our Spring collection. We’re grateful to have you on board as members of our Amphitheatre Club, so from the entire team at Coldstream Hills, I wish you an enjoyable six months ahead and trust you’ll appreciate the contents of your parcel.

Cheers,



Andrew Fleming  
Chief Winemaker

# Andrew's Choice

*Access limited parcels of Coldstream Hills wine and save on RRP with our exclusive Amphitheatre Club collections*

## Winemaker's Red Selection

Contains 1 bottle of each of the following:

Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Beenak Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills The Esplanade Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Reserve Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2023

**RRP \$315 | Members Price \$185**

## Winemaker's White Selection

Contains 1 bottle of each of the following:

Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

Coldstream Hills Beenak Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay 2023

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2024

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2017

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2023

**RRP \$243 | Members Price \$175**

## Winemaker's Mixed Selection

Contains 1 bottle of each of the following:

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Reserve Pinot Noir 2023

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2023

Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Chardonnay 2023

Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay 2023

**RRP \$310 | Members Price \$185**



# Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 21st & 23rd March 2023

pH: 3.46

Acidity: 5.3g/L

Alcohol: 14%

Residual Sugar: 0 g/L

Bottled: February 2024

Vines Planted: 1994

Aspect: North-facing

## Vintage Conditions

A cold wet start to the growing season proved challenging in the vineyards with fruit set and ultimately yields lower than average. Summer began with high humidity, but during the ripening period became stable and dry. The onset of flavour development occurred relatively rapidly with fine acidity retained across all varieties.

## Colour

Medium-light vibrant crimson red.

## Nose

Attractive and expansive with raspberry and wild strawberry characters underpinned by mineral graphite notes, subtle oak, and hints of five-spice.

## Palate

Beautifully framed and layered, with great length and a silky tannin finish. Attractive muddled strawberry and raspberry notes are further enhanced by seamless French oak, underlying graphite and rose petal spice. True to style from an excellent vintage.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2034



# Coldstream Hills Beenak Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 6th April 2024

pH: 3.48

Acidity: 5.7g/L

Alcohol: 12.5%

Residual Sugar: 0 g/L

Bottled: April 2024

Vines Planted: 1989

Aspect: Easterly facing

Soil: Chocolate-brown loam

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Vibrant crimson red.

## Nose

Perfumed and ethereal with intensely fragrant raspberry and strawberry characters interwoven with hints of rose petal and spice. Subtle French oak and mineral graphite add layers and complexity.

## Palate

Beautifully framed with fragrant raspberry and strawberry notes underpinned by mineral graphite, spice, and seamless French oak. The palate is even and long with a characteristic plush silky tannin finish.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2034

*"The 2023 vintage is our first release from the Beenak Vineyard, located in the cool south-eastern corner of the Yarra Valley."*

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills The Esplanade Pinot Noir 2023

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 8th March 2023

pH: 3.48

Acidity: 5.3g/L

Alcohol: 14%

Residual Sugar: 0 g/L

Bottled: February 2024

Vines Planted: 1994

Aspect: North-facing

## Vintage Conditions

A cold wet start to the growing season proved challenging in the vineyards with fruit set and ultimately yields lower than average. Summer began with high humidity, but during the ripening period became stable and dry.

The onset of flavour development occurred relatively rapidly with fine acidity retained across all varieties.

## Colour

Medium-light vibrant crimson red.

## Nose

Attractive and brooding, with dark cherry characters underpinned by hints of five spice and the wine's characteristic savoury edge. French oak adds plushness and complexity, with mineral graphite evident in the background.

## Palate

Medium-bodied in style with texture and the locale's signature fine-grained chalky tannins. Dark cherry notes dominate, supported harmoniously by muddled strawberry, star anise and beautifully balanced oak.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2034



# Coldstream Hills Reserve Pinot Noir 2023

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 7-8th March 2023

pH: 3.53

Acidity: 5.4g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual Sugar: 0 g/L

Bottled: February 2024

Vines Planted: 1985-1988

## Vintage Conditions

A cold wet start to the growing season proved challenging in the vineyards with fruit set and ultimately yields lower than average. Summer began with high humidity, but during the ripening period became stable and dry. The onset of flavour development occurred relatively rapidly with fine acidity retained across all varieties.

## Colour

Medium-light cherry red.

## Nose

Brooding, but not restrained with dark cherry and blue fruits at the fore. French oak, mineral graphite and hints of whole bunch add complexity and depth.

## Palate

Beautifully framed and detailed with texture, structure, and the vineyards' characteristic grainy tannin finish. Red cherry and raspberry notes are underpinned by mineral wet slate, seamless oak, and hints of whole bunch spice. Layered and complex – ideal for cellaring.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2036

*“The Reserve selection begins in the vineyard, invariably anchored on the low-yielding Amphitheatre A Block - the steep north-facing slope planted below the winery in 1985.”*

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

## Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 14th April 2023

pH: 3.43

Acidity: 6.5g/L

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.3 g/L

Bottled: June 2024

Vines Planted: 1988

Aspect: North-facing

## Vintage Conditions

A cold wet start to the growing season proved challenging in the vineyards with fruit set and ultimately yields lower than average. Summer began with high humidity, but during the ripening period became stable and dry. The onset of flavour development occurred relatively rapidly with fine acidity retained across all varieties.

## Colour

Dark medium cherry red with purple hue.

## Nose

Attractive blackberry, dark cherry and cassis with underlying cedary oak, nutmeg spice and dark chocolate.

## Palate

Medium-bodied and beautifully framed with blackberry and dark cherry notes at the fore. Fine-grained French oak is seamless and complements the wine's silky chalky tannin finish.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2036

***"The wine was matured in new (20%)  
and seasoned French oak barriques  
for twelve months."***

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2023

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: March-April 2023

pH: 3.49

Acidity: 5.7g/L

Alcohol: 13%

Residual Sugar: 0.02g/L

Bottled February: 2024

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Vibrant light-medium cherry crimson.

## Nose

Highly perfumed and beautifully integrated, notes of raspberry, sour cherry, and wild strawberry dance, with underlying French oak, rose petal spice and a hint of mineral graphite.

## Palate

Elegantly framed and textural, with beautifully balanced acidity, length, and a fine silky tannin finish. Raspberry and strawberry characters dominate with underlying sour cherry, hints of whole bunch spice and subtle French oak adding structure and complexity. An excellent vintage.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2030

***“An excellent follow on from the acclaimed vintages of 2022 and 2021”***

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Deer Farm Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

## Grape Variety

Chardonnay

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 15th-16th March 2023

pH: 3.04

Acidity: 7.3 g/L

Alcohol: 13 %

Residual Sugar: 0.05 g/L

Bottled: February 2024

Vines Planted: 1994

Aspect: South-facing

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Vibrant pale straw with trace green tinge.

## Nose

Pure and refined with citrus notes of lime pith and lemon curd underpinned by nougat, wet rock/slate and subtle French oak.

## Palate

Attractive citrus notes of lemon/lime are enhanced with underlying nougat, seamless French oak, wet slate, and white florals. Elegant and textural in style with great length of flavour and beautifully balanced juicy acidity.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2034

***“Fermented and matured for eight months in seasoned and new (35%) French oak puncheons, vat and barriques.”***

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Beenak Vineyard Chardonnay 2023

## Grape Variety

Chardonnay

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 3rd April 2023

pH: 3.31

Acidity: 7.2 g/L

Alcohol: 12.5 %

Residual Sugar: 0.04 g/L

Bottled: April 2024

Vines Planted: 1989

Aspect: Easterly facing

Soil: Dark brown loam

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Vibrant pale straw with green tinge.

## Nose

Attractive lime pith and grapefruit with white floral notes, hints of nougat and subtle wet slate mineral. French oak is seamless in the background adding further complexity.

## Palate

Elegant, restrained, and pure, with citrus notes of lime and lemon at the fore. Quartz-like mineral characters are evident, underpinned by subtle French oak, hints of nougat and beautifully balanced crystalline acidity.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2034

*"The 2023 vintage is our first release from the Beenak Vineyard, located in the cool south-eastern corner of the Yarra Valley."*

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay 2023

## Grape Variety

Chardonnay

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 3rd & 7th March 2023

pH: 3.09

Acidity: 7.4g/L

Alcohol: 13%

Residual Sugar: 0.23g/L

Bottling Date: March 2024

Vines Planted: 1985 (House) and 1994 (Briarston 4)

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Pale straw with trace green tinge.

## Nose

Vibrant citrus grapefruit peel and white florals, with underlying pearly barley and mealy notes. Subtle French oak and wet-rock mineral nuances enhance the aromatics and add complexity.

## Palate

Complex yet restrained with fine lemon curd and white peach characters underpinned by seamless French oak spice and mineral wet slate. Layered, textural and complex, the wine finishes with balanced juicy acidity and fine al dente pithiness.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2035

***“Released only in years where the quality is deemed to be exceptional, the wine is made from a selection of low-yielding and mature vineyards.”***

- Andrew Fleming



# Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2024

## Grape Variety

Sauvignon blanc

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: 28th February 2024

pH: 3.18

Acidity: 7.1g/l

Alcohol: 13.5 %

Residual Sugar: 0.25g/l

Bottled: August 2024

## Vintage Conditions

A relatively warm start to the growing season with high rainfall, but generally fine conditions during flowering. An unseasonably wet January ensued easing to fine, warm and dry conditions resulting in an early and relatively compressed harvest period. Acid retention was high particularly across the white varieties.

## Colour

Pale straw with trace green.

## Nose

Fresh passionfruit notes with underlying gooseberry and nettle. Fragrant white florals are present with an underlying hint of mineral.

## Palate

Fine, pure and balance with characteristic crisp Sauvignon acidity. Attractive passionfruit, citrus and nettle notes dominate with a hint of underlying wet slate.



# Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2017

## Grape Variety

Pinot Noir (52.7%) and Chardonnay (47.3%)

## Wine Analysis

Harvest Date: Pinot Noir (27th February),

Chardonnay (3rd March) 2017

pH: 2.90

Acidity: 7.7g/L

Alcohol: 12 %

Dosage: 6.5g/L

Tirage Date: November 2017

Disgorging Date: from January 2023

## Vintage Conditions

The 2017 vintage was a return to a cooler weather pattern with cool spring months and a mild to warm Summer. Rainfall and yields were close to average, allowing grape flavour and sugar to ripen in a steady manner. Acid retention was excellent in the fruit giving rise to wines of freshness, vibrancy, and great balance.

## Colour

Pale straw.

## Nose

Fine and restrained with subtle lemony Chardonnay notes and hints of Pinot perfume. Time on lees has given rise to attractive secondary notes of breadcrust and fresh toast.

## Palate

Lovely fine bead leading to a beautiful balance of acidity and dosage liqueur. Restrained, yet layered and complex, the palate has great presence and length of flavour. An outstanding year for sparkling from the Deer Farm Vineyard.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2028

*"The palate is equally refined, and this builds nicely with its gentle creaminess and fine bead before finishing taut and long.*

*A refined Aussie sparkling" - 95 Points*

- Philip Rich, Halliday Wine Companion 2023



# Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2023

## Grape Variety

Chardonnay

## Wine Analysis

pH: 3.21

Acidity: 6.7g/L

Alcohol: 13 %

Residual Sugar: 0.4 g/L

## Vintage Conditions

A challenging Spring across most vineyards with high rainfall and cold, wet conditions during flowering. Summer began with high humidity, but gradually eased to a mostly dry and stable weather pattern. A relatively late start to harvest with gentle ripening of flavours and excellent acid retention.

## Colour

Pale straw with faint green tinge.

## Nose

Attractive and subtle with enticing characters of lemon pith, white florals, nougat, and hints of mineral wet rock. French oak is present in the background offering complexity and spice.

## Palate

Layered and textural with fine acidity and length of flavour. Attractive notes of lemon rind, white peach and white florals are underpinned by subtle French oak, mineral and chalky phenolics. An excellent vintage for Yarra Valley Chardonnay.

## Peak Drinking

Now - 2030



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