

Coldstream Hills

2020 Deer Farm Vineyard Chardonnay



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, Gladysdale

Blocks: C East & E

Vines planted: 1994

Clone: I10V1

Aspect: South facing and North facing

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: A warm start to Spring with above average rainfall led to good vegetative growth. Bunch numbers were average, but dry conditions in December appear to have checked berry development. Relatively mild to cool conditions ensued throughout the ripening period, allowing gradual flavour development and sugar accumulation. A sequence of rainfall events required extra vigilance in the vineyards, but fruit quality in the main was excellent. Yields were generally lower than average, with tiny bunches seen across many vineyard sites.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 17th & 25th March 2020

pH 3.14

Acidity 8.0g/L

Alcohol 12.5 %

Residual Sugar 0.7 g/L

Bottling Date February 2021

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Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation.

This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in French oak – fifty-two percent new, with the remainder in seasoned barriques and puncheons.

Colour Pale straw with trace green.

Bouquet Fragrant lemon curd and citrus blossom with underlying mineral flint and beautifully integrated French oak. Pristine.

Palate Lime citrus and lemon pith dominate with mineral wet slate, cashew nut and seamless French oak. Layered and complex, the palate has restraint, length, purity and finishes with beautifully balanced crystalline acidity.