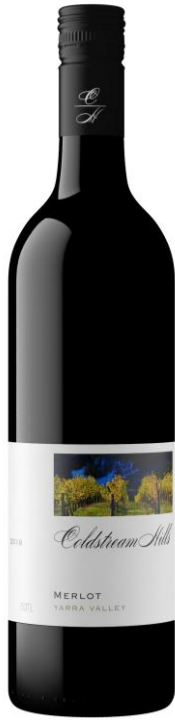


Coldstream Hills



2018 Yarra Valley Merlot

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.

Although a temperamental variety in the vineyard, Merlot is particularly well suited to the warmer slopes of the Yarra Valley. Sourced exclusively from the Coldstream Hills Amphitheatre, this Single Block wine was vinified in open fermenters, prior to maturation in French oak barriques.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: A cool start to the growing season was overshadowed by a warm and humid late Spring. Dry conditions prevailed throughout the summer months with gloriously warm days and cool nights. A relatively early start to the season, which was fortunately tempered by an even period of sugar and flavour development.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 13th March 2018

pH 3.40

Acidity 6.5g/L

Alcohol. 14%

Residual Sugar 0.3g/l

Bottling Date 26th Sep 2019

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Maturation Matured for 16 months in a mixture of new (37%) and seasoned French oak barrels.

Colour

Medium dark cherry

Bouquet

Ripe and plush, with attractive dark cherry, black olive and blackberry characters dominating. Christmas cake spice, dark chocolate and cedar-like French oak offer fragrance and added complexity.

Palate

Medium-bodied in style, with characteristic plushness and fine-grained silky tannins. Dark cherry and blue-fruits dominate, with beautifully integrated French oak and nutmeg spice offering complexity. A showpiece from the Amphitheatre Vineyard.