

# Coldstream Hills



## 2019 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

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**Vintage conditions:** A mild Spring, followed by a warm and very dry ripening period led to a heightened onset of vintage. Vineyards went on the charge with flavour development and sugar accumulation. A compressed vintage, but Chardonnays produced exhibit generosity of flavour and finely balanced acidity.

### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** Feb/March 2019

**pH** 3.38

**Acidity** 6.1g/L

**Alcohol** 13.5 %

**Residual Sugar** 0.9g/L

**Bottled** March 2020

**Peak Drinking** Now - 2025

### **Variety**

Chardonnay

**Maturation** Fermented and matured in seasoned and new (32%) French oak barriques, puncheons and vats.

**Colour** Pale straw

**Bouquet** Attractive characters of nashi pear, white peach and lemon curd are enhanced by notes of nougat and white flowers. Subtle French oak and hints of mineral slate are evident in the background.

**Palate** Elegant and textural with finely tuned citrus acidity and length of flavour. The palate offers an array of white peach, lemon curd and nougat characters interwoven by seamless French oak and subtle mineral wet slate.