

Coldstream Hills



2023 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 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 results in wines of complexity, varietal definition, and length.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March-April 2023

pH 3.21

Acidity 6.7 g/L

Alcohol 13 %

Residual Sugar 0.4 g/L

Bottled December 2023

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Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation Fermented and matured on lees for seven months in seasoned and new (19%) French oak barriques, puncheons and vat.

Colour Pale straw with faint green tinge.

Bouquet 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