



Coldstream Hills

2016 The Dr's Block Pinot Noir

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.

Vineyard Information

Grower: A&R McIntosh, A Nalder
Vines planted: 1997
Clone: MV6
Aspect: North-west saddle
Soil: Grey clay-loam

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions:

An un-seasonally warm Spring led to early budburst and fruit set. Canopies were healthy with yields generally above average. Dry, favourable conditions ensued with rapid fruit ripening and a uncharacteristically compressed vintage. Fruit quality was high, with the wines produced being generous in flavour.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 18-19th February 2016

pH 3.36

Acidity 6.3g/L

Alcohol 13%

Residual Sugar 0.5g/L

Bottling Date 17th February 2017

Peak Drinking To 2026

Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation

Nine months in French oak - fifty percent new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques.

Colour

Medium crimson-red

Bouquet

Perfumed and vibrant, with dark cherry and muddled strawberry characters dominating. Subtle French oak provides ethereal undertones and is complemented seamlessly with whole bunch spice and mineral graphite notes.

Palate

Medium bodied in style with layered texture, fine acidity and a chalky tannin finish. Dark cherry, raspberry and muddled strawberry characters flow with seamless French oak undertones and whole bunch spice. A chameleon in some respects showing Upper Yarra characteristics on the bouquet, with a Lower Yarra structured palate.