

Coldstream Hills



2020 Rising 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.

Rising Vineyard, St Andrews

Block Birdwood

Vines planted: 1991

Clone: Penfolds 58

Aspect: South facing

Soil: Mudstone rubble over clay

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 3.29

Acidity 6.5g/L

Alcohol 13 %

Residual Sugar 1.9 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 barriques and puncheons (36% new).

Colour Pale straw

Bouquet Enticing with characters of lemon blossom, white nectarine and lime underpinned by mineral flint and inobtrusive French oak.

Palate Pure, even, and layered finishing with balanced citrus like acidity and chalky phenolics. Aromatic lemon/lime characters are supported by wet slate flint, seamless French oak, and hints of nougat.