

Coldstream Hills

2023 Beenak 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 sense of place. The tradition has continued with the release of the Single Vineyard range.

The 2023 vintage is our first release from the Beenak Vineyard, located in the cool south-eastern corner of the Yarra Valley.

Beenak Vineyard, Beenak

Blocks: 22 & 23

Vines planted: 1989.

Clone: I10V1

Aspect: Easterly facing

Soil: Dark brown loam

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 3rd April 2023

pH 3.31

Acidity 7.2 g/L

Alcohol 12.5 %

Residual Sugar 0.4 g/L

Bottled April 2024

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Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation Fermented and matured for eight months in seasoned and new (25%) French oak barriques.

Colour Vibrant pale straw with green tinge

Bouquet Attractive lime pith and grapefruit with white floral notes, hints of nougat and subtle wet slate mineral. French oak is seamless in the background adding further complexity.

Palate Elegant, restrained, and pure, with citrus notes of lime and lemon at the fore. Quartz-like mineral characters are evident, underpinned by subtle French oak, hints of nougat and beautifully balanced crystalline acidity.