

## **2024 The Esplanade 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 and demonstrated their unique styles. The tradition has continued with the release of the Single Vineyard range.

Syme Vineyard, Gruyere

**Block:** The Esplanade **Vines** planted: 1998

Clone: MV6

**Aspect:** North facing **Soil:** Silty clay loam

## **Winemaker Comments** Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: A relatively warm start to the growing season with high rainfall, but generally fine conditions during flowering. An unseasonally wet January ensued easing to fine, warm and dry conditions resulting in an early and relatively compressed harvest period. Acid retention was high particularly across the white varieties.

## Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 pH 3.46 Acidity 5.9g/L Alcohol 13.5 % Residual Sugar 0.0 g/L Bottling Date March 2025 Peak Drinking Now - 2034

## **Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir

**Maturation** Ten months in French oak – 46% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques.

**Colour** Medium light crimson cherry red

**Bouquet** Brooding, savoury and complex with dark cherry, Satsuma plum and earthy graphite mineral aromas. Nuances of five spice and anise are interwoven with hints of poached strawberry and subtle French oak.

**Palate** Medium bodied and layered, a showcase of dark cherry, plum and hints of rhubarb supported by a fine grained and persistent tannin profile. Oak integrates seamlessly with earthy mineral and whole bunch spice adding complexity.