

Coldstream Hills

2020 Deer Farm Vineyard 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.

Deer Farm Vineyard, Gladysdale

Blocks: E Top & D

Vines planted: 1994

Clone: MV6

Aspect: North facing

Soil: Duplex grey clay-loam

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 26-27th March 2020

pH 3.42

Acidity 6.0g/L

Alcohol 13 %

Residual Sugar 0.2 g/L

Bottling Date February 2021

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Grape Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation.

Nine months in French oak – forty one percent new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques.

Colour Medium light crimson

Bouquet Fragrant and ethereal with lifted notes of wild strawberry, rose petal and whole bunch spice. Mineral graphite and underlying forest floor characters add complexity with French oak evident, but not obtrusive.

Palate Elegantly framed with plushness, texture, and a silky tannin finish. Muddled strawberry and cranberry notes are interwoven with hints of mineral graphite, gamey whole bunch spice and beautifully integrated French oak.