

# Coldstream Hills



## 2020 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

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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**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** 17-18th March 2020

**pH** 3.57

**Acidity** 5.2g/L

**Alcohol** 13.5 %

**Residual Sugar** 0.2 g/L

**Bottling Date** February 2021

**Peak Drinking** Now - 2031

### **Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir

### **Maturation.**

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

**Colour** Medium crimson red

**Bouquet** Brooding and alluring with dark cherry and blue fruits, hints of five-spice, anise, earthy mineral and subtle French oak.

**Palate** Dark/red cherry and muddled strawberry characters are enhanced with earthy rustic notes, hints of whole bunch spice and beautifully integrated French oak. Savoury and textural, the palate is long and finishes with fine chalky tannins.