

# Coldstream Hills



## 2023 Deer Farm 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.

### Deer Farm Vineyard, Gladysdale

Blocks: C East & C West

Vines planted: 1994.

Clone: I10V1

Aspect: South facing

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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**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** 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**pH** 3.04

**Acidity** 7.3 g/L

**Alcohol** 13 %

**Residual Sugar** 0.05 g/L

**Bottled** February 2024

**Peak Drinking** Now - 2034

### **Variety**

Chardonnay

**Maturation** Fermented and matured for eight months in seasoned and new (35%) French oak puncheons, vat and barriques.

**Colour** Vibrant pale straw with trace green tinge.

**Bouquet** Pure and refined with citrus notes of lime pith and lemon curd underpinned by nougat, wet rock/slate and subtle French oak.

**Palate** Attractive citrus notes of lemon/lime are enhanced with underlying nougat, seamless French oak, wet slate, and white florals. Elegant and textural in style with great length of flavour and beautifully balanced juicy acidity.