**2019 Coldstream Hills** **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 mild Spring, followed by a warm and very dry ripening period led to a heightened onset of vintage. Despite a compressed harvest period, Pinot Noir held up well producing wines of flavour, texture and depth.

**Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** 1st March 2019

**pH** 3.44

**Acidity** 6.0 g/L

**Alcohol** 14.0%

 **Residual Sugar** 0.8 g/L

**Bottling Date** February 2020

**Peak Drinking** Now to 2030

**Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir

**Maturation**

Eleven months in French oak – forty six percent new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques.

**Colour**

Medium crimson red

**Bouquet**

Ripe and brooding with vibrant dark cherry and blue fruit characters in abundance. French oak offers harmonious support with underlying rustic earthiness and mineral spice adding complexity.

 **Palate**

Medium bodied in style the palate has great vibrancy, texture and length. Seamless French oak, graphite-like mineral and hints of whole bunch spice complement the dominating notes of dark cherry and cranberry. Brooding and powerful, the palate finishes with the Vineyard’s signature chalk-like grainy tannin. One for the Cellar.