

# Coldstream Hills

## 2024 Beenak 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 sense of place. The tradition has continued with the on-going release of the Single Vineyard range. Located in the south-eastern corner of the Yarra Valley, the Beenak Vineyard epitomises cool climate viticulture delivering wines of precision and finesse.

### **Beenak Vineyard, Beenak**

Blocks: 13, 14 & 22

Vines planted: 1989.

Clone: I10V1

Aspect: South & east facing

Soil: Dark brown clay loam

### **Winemaker Comments** Andrew Fleming

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**Vintage conditions** A relatively warm start to the growing season with high rainfall, but generally fine conditions during flowering. An unseasonably 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** 6-9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**pH** 3.09

**Acidity** 7.9 g/L

**Alcohol** 13 %

**Residual Sugar** 0.3 g/L

**Bottled** Feb 2025

**Peak Drinking** Now - 2035

### **Grape Variety**

Chardonnay

**Maturation** Fermented and matured for eight months in seasoned and new (48%) French oak puncheons & barriques.

**Colour** Vibrant pale straw with green tinge

**Bouquet** Restrained, yet expressive, with lemon pith and lime, white florals and underlying mineral and nougat notes. Seamless oak is beautifully integrated adding complexity and spice.

**Palate** Vibrant and pure with lemon pith and lime, white florals and a subtle mineral thread. Layered and complex with nuances of nougat and oak, finishing with fine chalky phenolics and crystalline acidity.