

Coldstream Hills



2020 Yarra Valley Pinot Noir

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday and has since grown to become one of Australia's leading and most awarded small wineries. Situated in the picturesque Yarra Valley east of Melbourne, the steep close-planted vineyards of Coldstream Hills have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines, which reflect regional character, consistency and style. Sourced from low yielding vineyards in the Lower and Upper Yarra Valley, all fruit is selectively picked prior to its delivery into the winery. It is made using a variety of handling and fermentation techniques, including the use of whole bunches. Each batch is then matured in seasoned and new oak for eight to nine months, prior to blending and bottling.

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 Feb & March 2020

pH 3.53

Acidity 5.6g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.3g/L

Bottled December 2020

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Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation Matured in seasoned and new (27%) French oak for eight months.

Colour Light-medium cherry crimson

Bouquet Fragrant notes of wild strawberry, sour cherry and cranberry with underlying subtle French oak, hints of mineral slate and spice.

Palate

Elegant and stylish, the palate is silky and long with a fine chalky tannin profile. Attractive cranberry and sour cherry notes are interwoven with stalky spice, harmoniously balanced French oak and finely tuned acidity.

An ethereal expression of Yarra Pinot Noir from the cooler 2020 vintage.