

Coldstream Hills



2021 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. The Lower Yarra provides dark cherry notes and structure, the Upper Yarra complements with elegance, spice, and perfume. The wine 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 near perfect season for cool climate varieties in the Yarra. Good winter and spring rainfall replenished the soil profile allowing a good start to the growing season. Spring was generally mild with no frost, flowering occurred during warm, stable conditions which was ideal. The ripening season was generally mild and punctuated with well-timed rainfall. A very even harvest period with gradual ripening and flavour development, vibrant natural acidity, and excellent quality fruit.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date Feb & March 2021

pH 3.49

Acidity 5.7g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.1g/L

Bottled February 2022

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Variety

Pinot Noir

Maturation Matured in seasoned and new (22%) French oak for nine months.

Colour Medium-light cherry crimson

Bouquet Vibrant, ethereal, and perfumed with sour cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, and blue fruits dominating. Whole bunch spice, subtle French oak, hints of graphite reduction and savouriness enhance the primary fruit notes – a real peacock's tail.

Palate Brimming with sour/dark cherry notes and raspberries, the palate is further enhanced with seamless French oak, fruit spice and savouriness. Very plush with layers of complexity and finishing with fine chalky tannins. An outstanding Pinot Noir vintage. A lot to like here!