Coldstream Hills

Rising Vineyard Chardonnay
2011

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 recommenced in 2009 with the release of the Single Vineyard range.

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vineyard Region
Lower Yarra Valley - Rising Vineyard.

Vintage Conditions
The season began well as good soil moisture levels and relatively warm conditions during the spring months resulted in healthy vine growth. Significant above average rainfall in December and February as well as relatively warm and humid conditions placed considerable disease pressure on vineyards. Although the harvest dates were significantly later than in previous years, the whites reached optimum flavour development with beautifully balanced natural acidity.

Technical Analysis
Harvest Date 5-6th April 2011
pH 3.37
Acidity 8.3g/L
Alcohol 12.5%
Residual Sugar 0.4g/L
Bottling Date 29th February 2012
Peak Drinking Now to 2021

Grape Variety
Chardonnay

Maturation
This wine spent nine months in 100% French oak - 52% new with the remainder in seasoned French oak barriques and puncheons.

Colour
Vibrant straw with trace green.

Nose
Attractive citrus pith and nectarine characters are evident with underlying river pebble and slaty notes. French oak enhances the wine beautifully adding further complexity to the wine.

Palate
The palate is fine and long with great texture and lemon acidity. Citrus notes of lemon and lime dominate with attractive nectarine stone-fruit characters. Slate and cordite nuances are expressive of the vineyard and provide additional complexity; French oak is evident, but doesn't dominate. An outstanding Chardonnay from the Rising Vineyard - harmonious, complex and long.