



# Coldstream Hills

## 2014 Reserve Chardonnay

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay is the culmination of a strict selection process, where wine quality is paramount.

Produced only in years where the quality is deemed to be exceptional, the wine is made from a selection of low yielding and mature vineyards. The Coldstream Hills Briarston Vineyard provides an outstanding resource of Bernard clone (French clone) Chardonnay, which adds elegance and length to the wine. Gentle handling practices, including whole bunch pressing are carried out, with each batch undergoing barrel fermentation in new and seasoned French oak.

**Blocks:** Briarston 4, Coldstream G and House

**Clones:** Bernard 76, 95, 96, 277 and I10V1

**Planted:** 1985 - 1994

**Soil:** Grey clay-loam

**Harvest date:** 19th - 26th Feb 2014

## Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

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**Vintage conditions:** The growing season began with a variable spring season, followed by a dry and warm Summer. Conditions during the flowering period were not conducive to optimum fruit set, with many vineyards harvesting below average yields. A challenging vintage in many respects, but fruit quality remained of a high standard.

### Technical Analysis:

**pH** 3.22

**Acidity** 6.6g/L

**Alcohol** 13.0%

**Residual Sugar** 1.7 g/L

**Bottling date** 20th February 2015

**Maturation:** This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in new (60%) and seasoned French oak puncheons and barriques.

**Colour:** Pale straw with trace green.

**Nose:** Lemon zest and white peach with white flower and wet slate/flint notes. French oak adds grilled nut notes and spice.

**Palate:** The palate has great purity, texture and finishes with beautifully balanced citrus acidity. White peach and lemon barley notes are enhanced by white flower nuances, wet slate/flint and harmonious French oak. Layered and complex, the wine has great power and presence. A classic Reserve vintage.