

Coldstream Hills



2021 Reserve Chardonnay

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay is the culmination of a strict selection process, where wine quality is paramount. Released 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 adding elegance, aromatics and length to the wine. House Block adds structure and drive 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 and House.

Clones: Bernard 96, 95, 277, 76 and unknown.

Planted: 1985 (House) and 1994 (Briarston)

Soil: Grey clay-loam

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 18th, 23rd & 24th Feb 2021

pH 3.25

Acidity 5.5g/L

Alcohol 13%

Residual Sugar 1.4g/L

Bottling Date March 2022

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Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation.

This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in new (50%) and seasoned French oak puncheons and barriques.

Colour Pale straw with trace green tinge.

Nose Vibrant citrus grapefruit peel and white florals, with underlying pearly barley and mealy notes. Subtle French oak and wet-rock mineral nuances enhance the aromatics and add complexity.

Palate Complex yet restrained with fine lemon curd and white peach characters underpinned by seamless French oak spice and mineral wet slate. Layered, textural and complex, the wine finishes with balanced juicy acidity and fine al dente pithiness.