



**MEDIA INFORMATION**

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## **2006 Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay wins top award**

The **2006 Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay** has won the ***Fine Wine Partners Perpetual Trophy*** at the **2009 Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show** for the '**Best Show Wine**'. This Perpetual Trophy (formerly The Tucker Seabrook Perpetual Trophy) is given to the best show wine exhibited at major state wine shows in the last 12 months.

The Coldstream Hills Reserve wines represent the pinnacle of cool-climate winemaking and viticulture. Winemaker Andrew Fleming said "this wine is an exemplary cool climate Chardonnay with great complexity and length, we are thrilled with this award."

Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay is made from a very strict selection of the best grapes, usually with a component from the low yielding 'House Block'. One hundred percent of the wine is barrel fermented in French oak barriques. The **2006 Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay** is available from Coldstream Hills Cellar Door (Yarra Valley) and select fine wine retailers for approximately RRP \$55.99.

### **Award Summary: 2006 Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>Trophy Details</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Description</b>
3 Trophies + Gold	2008 Wrest Point Royal Hobart International Wine Show	1) Meadowbank Estate Trophy for Best Chardonnay 2) Cliff Heard Trophy for Best Dry White 3) Chairman's Trophy for Best Wine in Show, sponsored by Australia & New Zealand Winemakers (selected from the winners of all other Trophies)	Class 17	White Wine Section – 2007 vintage and older – dry white – Chardonnay (2006 Vintage)
2 Trophies + Gold	2008 Victorian Wine Shows	1) Lallemand Australia P/L for Best Wood Mature Table White Wine 2) Air Liquide Australia LTD for Best Table Wine - White	Class 21	Open Section: 2006 Vintage or older wines – white table wines of the less aromatic fruity such as Chardonnay, Semillon, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Trebbiano, etc and blends with oak treatment and or maturation

### **The Fine Wine Partners Perpetual Trophy**

To be eligible for judging at the Sydney Royal Wine Show, the entry must have been selected by the Chairman of the Judging Panel of the respective Royal Show as the most successful wine of the Show. There is a maximum of 7 entries and exhibits may be either red or white. Wines entered in previous years that have won the Trophy are not eligible.

### **About Coldstream Hills**

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday. From initial vintages of 450 cases, it has grown to become one of Australia's leading small wineries. Situated in the cool and beautiful Yarra Valley, about one hour's drive east of Melbourne, its steep, close-planted vineyards have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines (most notably Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs) made by winemaker Andrew Fleming.

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