



## *Coldstream Hills*

### **Pinot Noir Chardonnay** 2004

Coldstream Hills was established in 1985 by James and Suzanne Halliday. From its initial vintage of 450 cases it has grown to become one of Australia's leading small wineries with a reputation that belies its size. Situated in the cool Yarra Valley east of Melbourne, its steep, close-planted vineyards have become a signature of the region. So too have its wines (most notably its Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs) which reflect a climate cooler than Bordeaux and slightly warmer than Burgundy.

Sourced predominantly from fruit grown in the cool Upper Yarra, the 2004 Coldstream Hills Pinot Noir Chardonnay was made by whole bunch pressing selected parcels of fruit prior to fermentation. The resultant base wines were blended and underwent secondary fermentation in bottle followed by three years maturation on yeast lees.

### **Winemaker Comments** Andrew Fleming

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#### **Vineyard Region**

Yarra Valley

#### **Vintage Conditions**

The Yarra Valley experienced a sunny summer and autumn with temperatures typically in the mid 20s, blue skies and little wind. March and April were very dry, disease pressure was lower than usual, and Coldstream Hills recorded its biggest vintage on record. Pinot and Chardonnay performed well in the milder conditions with good flavour development and retention of natural acidity.

#### **Technical Analysis**

**Harvest Date** Harvest date - March 2004

**pH** 3.03

**Acidity** 6.0g/L

**Alcohol** 11.5%

**Residual Sugar** g/L

**Peak Drinking** 2008-2011

#### **Grape Variety**

Pinot Noir & Chardonnay

#### **Maturation**

Three years on lees in bottle.

#### **Colour**

Vibrant pale straw.

#### **Nose**

Attractive lemon citrus notes with Pinot Noir perfume. Yeasty biscuity autolysis notes are evident providing further complexity.

#### **Palate**

An elegant style with balance and length. The palate exhibits Pinot perfume and structure with fine lemony Chardonnay acidity. Yeast autolysis characters of brioche and dry biscuits give the wine additional complexity. Judicious use of aged liqueur has given the wine balance and length.