



Coldstream Hills

Varietal Merlot 2001

Although a temperamental variety in the vineyard, Merlot is particularly well suited to the warmer slopes in the Yarra Valley. As a result, the Coldstream Hills winery has become renowned for producing excellent Merlot and the 2001 is no exception.

Predominantly estate-grown, Coldstream Hills Merlot is fermented using both open and static fermenters, prior to maturation in French oak barriques (one third new) and bottled after 14 months in oak.

Vineyard Region

Yarra Valley

Vintage Conditions

The 2001 season started well with good winter rains and soil moisture levels, leading to balanced canopies and flowering that produced a good berry-set. Although the summer of 2001 was the hottest on record, Merlot ripened fully, producing wines of excellent colour and texture.

Grape Variety

Merlot

Maturation

14 months in a combination of new (31%) and used French oak barriques.

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Fleming



Colour

Medium to full red-purple.



Nose

An array of blackberry, mocha, dark chocolate, spices and earthy aromas, with the fruit dominating.



Palate

Rich and ripe, with pronounced mid-palate fruit sweetness, followed by fine-grained tannins and neatly balanced oak on the finish.

Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

Last Tasted

13 Jan 2003

Peak Drinking

Now - 2011

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Duck & Game, Lamb, Pasta

