

# Coldstream Hills

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Winemaker: Andrew Fleming

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Andrew Fleming finished his degree at Melbourne University and worked for two years as an assistant winemaker in his homeland of Australia before heading to France, where he completed a Diplome Nationale d'Oenologie in Bordeaux in 1987. During his three years in France, Andrew not only earned his certificate, but also worked vintage at Chateau Haut Brion and learned to speak French. He then rounded out his international experience at Matanzas Creek winery in Sonoma Valley, California before returning back to Australia.

Andrew spent seven years as a winemaker at Lindemans' Karadoc winery, from 1989 to 1996. During his tenure at Lindemans, Andrew was asked to work with Southcorp Wines' French joint venture, La Prouse, in the Languedoc- Roussillon region. Consequently he worked double vintages for three years, spending harvest in both hemispheres, making wines first in Australia and again in France.

In 1996, Andrew moved back to Australia full-time, as Winery Manager at Seppelt Great Western, where he was responsible for making the Victorian range of cool-climate wines. This provided the perfect segue for his current role in one of Australia's premier cool-climate regions, the Yarra Valley.

Since June 2001, Andrew has been located at the picturesque Coldstream Hills vineyard in the Yarra Valley, where Pinot Noir and Chardonnay have become the major focus. As Andrew notes, the task of winemaking has been made somewhat easier by the access to a wide range of premium vineyards in the region. His goal is to make wines that not only reflect the potential of the Yarra Valley, but demonstrate regional expression, finesse and length.