

Coldstream Hills



2020 Reserve Chardonnay

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay is the culmination of a strict selection process, where wine quality is paramount. Produced 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, which adds elegance and length 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, Coldstream 8C and House.

Clones: Bernard 76, 95, 96, 277, I10V1 and unknown.

Planted: 1985 (House), 1988 (CH 8C), 1994 (Briarston)

Soil: Grey clay-loam

Winemaker Comments Andrew Fleming

Vintage conditions: A warm start to Spring with above average rainfall led to good vegetative growth. Bunch numbers were average, but dry conditions in December appear to have checked berry development. Relatively mild to cool conditions ensued throughout the ripening period, allowing gradual flavour development and sugar accumulation. A sequence of rainfall events required extra vigilance in the vineyards, but fruit quality in the main was excellent. Yields were generally lower than average, with tiny bunches seen across many vineyard sites.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date 20th Feb & 2nd March 2020

pH 3.20

Acidity 6.5g/L

Alcohol 13%

Residual Sugar 0.9g/L

Bottling Date February 2021

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Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation.

This wine was fermented and matured on lees for nine months in seasoned and new (47%) French oak puncheons and barriques.

Colour Pale straw with trace green tinge.

Nose Attractive lemon barley notes with underling white nectarine, nougat, and hazelnuts. Hints of mineral wet slate and beautifully integrated French oak add complexity.

Palate Restrained and pristine, the palate offers an array of lemon curd, white nectarine, nougat, and white flower notes. Layered and textural, the palate has great length and finishes with finely tuned juicy acidity. A Reserve that needs time.