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# PUNT ROAD EMPEROR'S PRIZE CHARDONNAY 2016

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## Wine Introduction

Punt Road's "Emperor's Prize" vineyard at Coldstream stands as one of the Australian wine industry's most historic sites. Planted in the 1862, the original vineyards were responsible for many wine awards, including the "Emperor's Prize" at the 1881 Melbourne International Exhibition. Now replanted with classic varieties, the "Emperor's Prize" vineyard is once again producing stunning fruit, and in the winery they become wines of style and finesse.

## Tasting Notes

"The Emperor's Prize Chardonnay is a has a defined array of delicious stone fruits, ruby grapefruit and lightly spiced oak, lined with pristine, long acidity." Tim Shand – Winemaker

## Winemaker Vintage Notes

The earliness of vintage 2016 was largely climatic, but a bit lunar as well. The flowering of the vines occurred during a very warm, dry spell – perfect conditions for an even fruit set. Those conditions endured throughout Christmas and into January. We had just enough rainfall (in two big events) to squeak us through but it was touch and go there for a while. The early Easter (the first full moon after the vernal equinox being late March) reminds us that nature takes its cues from the moon – and will not be argued with!

## Wine Information

<b>Country:</b>	Australia
<b>Region:</b>	Yarra Valley
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Tim Shand
<b>Grape:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.3%
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack