

KUMEU RIVER

2015 Kumeu River Hunting Hill Chardonnay



Hunting Hill Vineyard

Hunting Hill is a vineyard that was first planted in 1982 and became a significant part of the original Kumeu River Chardonnay blend. Occupying the slope overlooking Mate's Vineyard, it has always contributed lovely ripe and rich fruit to the Estate Chardonnay. Hunting Hill was replanted in 2000 and is now even better than before, giving beautifully ripe fruit with a distinctive mealy minerality.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	3.07 hectares (7.6 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 2000
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North-facing slope a little towards southwest
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre

Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation 100% barrel fermented 100% malolactic fermentation Aged 11 months in barrel

Tasting Notes

This wine has fragrant lemon/lime blossom aromas on the nose that typify the lovely perfume we always get from Hunting Hill. The 2015 vintage was affected by a spring frost and the subsequent yields were lower than usual. The summer was terrific and the grapes were beautifully clean, ripe and intensely flavoured. This has created a wine of intense concentration and complexity that will be very long lived.

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