

KUMEU RIVER

2016 Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay



Vineyards

Kumeu River Chardonnay is drawn from six different vineyard sites in the Kumeu Region. We are particularly careful in selecting only the very best grapes from these vineyards for our Kumeu River Estate label.

<i>Vineyard Region:</i>	Kumeu, Auckland
<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	10 hectares (24.7 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Varies between 7–20 years
<i>Clones:</i>	15, 6, 1066, 548, 121, 134
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	45 meters (147 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North facing
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre and VSP
<i>Harvest Dates:</i>	March 15–30, 2016
<i>Yields:</i>	4.5 tons/acre
<i>Brix:</i>	22°

Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand harvested Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation 100% barrel fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation 11 months maturation in barrel
<i>Alcohol:</i>	14%
<i>TA:</i>	5.6 g/L
<i>pH:</i>	3.21

Tasting Notes

Hand harvesting in a vintage like 2016 is crucial in maintaining the standard of the Estate Chardonnay that we have set for this wine. The nose is immediately fragrant and peachy with a touch of mealiness. The texture supple and with a beautiful bracing acidity on the finish. The wine is delicious now and will provide beautiful drinking over the next 6 years.

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