

KUMEU RIVER

2016 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>Vineyard Region:</i>	Hunting Hill, Kumeu, Auckland
<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	3.37 hectares (8 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 2000
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North facing but sloping slightly to Southwest
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre
<i>Harvest Dates:</i>	March 14–15, 2016
<i>Yields:</i>	3 tons/acre
<i>Brix:</i>	23°

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

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 class of this vineyard shows through in 2016, where conditions were not always perfect. The fruit from Hunting Hill was clean with beautiful flavors that has come through in the finished wine with a supple texture and lingering finish. As with previous vintages of Hunting Hill, we expect this to drink well for 6 – 8 years.

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