

# KUMEU RIVER

## 2019 Kumeu River Coddington Chardonnay



### Coddington Vineyard

This wine is produced from a vineyard owned by Tim and Angela Coddington whose grapes have contributed to the blend of Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay since 1998. It is a vineyard that produces very rich and unctuous Chardonnay that we have long believed could make an excellent single vineyard wine. In 2006 we decided to give Coddington single vineyard status to reflect this vineyard's unique character.

<i>Vineyard Region:</i>	Coddington Vineyard, Kumeu, Auckland
<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	1.8 hectares (4.4 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 1994
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North
<i>Training:</i>	VSP
<i>Yields:</i>	4 tons/acre
<i>Brix:</i>	22.8°

### Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand harvested Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation French oak barrels, 25% new oak 100% barrel fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation 11 months maturation in barrel

### Tasting Notes

The 2019 vintage was exceptional and has produced sensational Chardonnay across the board. The single-vineyard Coddington wine is strongly colored and richly ripe in the yellow peach and apricot spectrum, with a background of toasted oak and caramelized hazelnut. It is the biggest style in our range, and satisfyingly rich as such, but also nicely balanced with its acidity.