

2022 Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay



Vineyards

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<i>Vineyard Region:</i>	Kumeu, Auckland
<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	12 hectares (29.7 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Varies between 7-33 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

Vintage Notes

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The excellent 2022 vintage came on the heels of three others, in a magnificent chain of four superb quality harvests.

Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand harvested Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation French oak barrels, 20% new oak 100% barrel fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation 11 months maturation in barrel
<i>Alcohol:</i>	13%

Tasting Notes

The Kumeu vineyards that contribute to this wine gave us a blend of Chardonnay that is particularly ripe, peachy and not only delicious to drink but also has the concentration and lingering complexity that we expect from this wine. This is quality Chardonnay of style and pedigree that we know has the capability of aging as well as any of its predecessors.