

KUMEU RIVER



2025 KUMEU RIVER VILLAGE PINOT NOIR

WINERY

Kumeu River, one of the first wineries in Auckland, New Zealand, helped establish the reputation of Kumeu as a world-class wine region. Founded in 1944 by the Brajkovich family, immigrants from Croatia, the estate has grown and flourished over the years through the dedication to producing benchmark-quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, influenced heavily by Burgundy.

WINE

Village Pinot Noir is produced from grapes grown in Hawke's Bay. The Kumeu River vineyard in Hawke's Bay, Rays Road, was established in 2008 as a joint venture between Trinity Hill and Pascal Jolivet from Sancerre, France. Kumeu River purchased the vineyard in full in 2017. The Pinot Noir was planted in 2008 with a variety of superior clones. The 2025 vintage marks a milestone, as it is the first year Michael decided to produce the Village Pinot Noir entirely from the exceptional fruit of Hawke's Bay.

VINEYARDS

Hawke's Bay, one of New Zealand's warmest regions, contributes fruit from elevated, limestone-rich sites that the Brajkovich family values highly.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2025 vintage was marked by an excellent growing season and an exceptionally dry harvest period, resulting in wines of outstanding quality. Warm, steady temperatures without extremes allowed fruit to develop beautifully balanced aromas and flavors, while the dry conditions and moderate yields contributed richness and texture. The Brajkovich family are thrilled with the quality of Pinot Noir from Rays Road in Hawke's Bay with increasing quantities of Clones 828 and 943 contributing lifted red-fruit aromas in abundance, and textural gravity to the palate.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are 100% hand-harvested at optimal ripeness and fully de-stemmed before a gentle crush. Fermentation is initiated by indigenous yeasts, with a total cuvaison of approximately two weeks. Extraction is managed through twice-daily remontage to ensure gentle yet effective tannin and color development. The wine is matured for 7 months in tank to preserve purity of fruit and varietal expression.

TASTING NOTES

The wine displays a bright cherry red, burgundy color with lifted red fruit aromas. On the palate the wine is cool, round and fruity and with a nice hint of chalky tannin that keeps the wine dry and refreshing.

VINEYARD

Region:	New Zealand
Appellation:	100% Hawke's Bay
Soil:	Clay loess over limestone
Clones:	MV6, Abel, 116, 828, 943, 935
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Vegan

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Pinot Noir
Aging:	7 months maturation in stainless steel tank

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Indigenous
Alcohol:	13%