

KUMEU RIVER



“Michael Brajkovich MW produced a brilliant array of 2007s. If you have never tried these wines, then it is time you see for yourself what New Zealand is capable of.”

2007 Coddington Chardonnay

95 POINTS: “The sophomore 2007 Coddington Chardonnay is simply wonderful. Brilliantly defined on the nose, even more mineralite than the impressive 2006, it is a bouquet to make any self-aggrandizing Burgundy Grand Cru tremble at the knees! The palate has exquisite balance, vibrant acidity, quite luscious with touches of clear honey, apricot and white peach. Great depth and length, Michael Brajkovich MW has excelled and the wine will only get better with future vintages.”

2007 Hunting Hill Chardonnay

94 POINTS: “The keyword to the 2007 Hunting Hill Chardonnay is subtlety for whereas the Mate’s leaps out at you, the Hunting Hill beckons you to seek out its virtues. Hints of limestone, granite, a touch of lanolin and Brazil nut. The palate is beautifully balanced, so elegant and natural that it leaves you captivated. Drink this nectar over the next six years.”

2007 Maté’s Vineyard Chardonnay

93 POINTS: “The 2007 Maté’s Chardonnay is beautifully defined on the nose: cool stones and mountain streams. The palate is crisp and wonderfully balanced, citrus entry with prudent use of oak utterly subsumed into the character of the wine. Notes of hazelnut, a faint hint of lemongrass and lime zest towards the taut finish. Sheer class.”

2007 Estate Chardonnay

91 POINTS: “The 2007 Estate Chardonnay has a wonderful nose that has you instantly hooked, capturing the essence of a Meursault with hints of roasted almonds and smoke. The palate is very well balanced, very clean on the entry but building nicely to a weighty, honeyed middle with touches of almond, hazelnut, lemon and spice with great persistency on the finish.”

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2007 Hunting Hill Chardonnay

93 POINTS, HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: “Bright and jazzy, showing lime-accented pineapple, with hints of tobacco and star fruit weaving through the long, elegant finish.”

2007 Maté’s Vineyard Chardonnay

93 POINTS: “Bright and sleek, with zippy lime and grapefruit coursing through the pear and pineapple fruit, lingering on the expressive finish with finesse.”

2007 Coddington Chardonnay

90 POINTS: “Silky in texture and lively in flavor, offering pretty pear and floral flavors. Hints at lime on the lingering finish.”