

KUMEU RIVER

2009 Chardonnays Critical Acclaim

2009 Estate Chardonnay

The Wine Advocate: 91 points: "...gives intense notes of ripe apricots, guava, green mango and honey coated nuts with nuances of lightly browned toast and white blossoms. Medium bodied with a silken texture, it gives great concentration, crisp acidity and a long toasty finish." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2011*

Wine Spectator: 91 points: "Rich and deep, this features toasted hazelnut, fig and citrus flavors that have a smooth texture and vibrant acidity. The aromatics are the star here, with honeysuckle, lemon zest and green apple notes that leap out of the glass and push through on the finish." *MaryAnn Worobiec, June 15, 2012*

jamesuckling.com: 90 points: "A gorgeous wine with apple pie, cream, and mineral undertones. Some melon. Full and balanced with attractive oak character such as cream. Made from grapes from six different vineyards." *James Suckling, December 28, 2012*

2009 Coddington Chardonnay

Wine Spectator: 94 points: "This wine's soft, supple texture lures you in, but the aromatics and subtle, elegant notes are marvelous, all the way to the lingering finish. Peach, apricot nectar and baked apple flavors mingle with nutmeg, mineral, cedar and fig paste details, as a fresh acidity keeps all the notes vibrant." *MaryAnn Worobiec, June 15, 2012*

jamesuckling.com: 94 points: "Wonderful peaches and apricots with lemon and sliced apple. Full and powerful with a great finish. Goes on for minutes." *James Suckling, December 28, 2012*

The Wine Advocate: 92+ points: "...expressive notes of pineapple, pink guava, peach and warmed pear with hints of cashews...Medium bodied with a pleasant touch of viscosity, gives great concentration, lively acidity and a long savory finish." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2011*

2009 Hunting Hill Chardonnay

The Wine Advocate: 94 points: "...delicate lime zest, chalk dust and pink grapefruit aromas over toasted almonds, meal and buttered scones. The palate has an elegant medium body yet packs in wonderfully concentrated toast, meal and citrus flavors with racy acidity, a satiny texture and a very long finish." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2011*

Wine Spectator: 91 points: "This is both rich and juicy, displaying a smoky, floral note that dances around the ripe tangerine, yellow apple and melon flavors. Offers a supple texture, with details of marzipan and lanolin." *MaryAnn Worobiec, June 15, 2012*

jamesuckling.com: 91 points: "Lots of sliced green apple and white peaches. Full and lively with tension. Zingy finish. Taut. Delicious." *James Suckling, December 28, 2012*

2009 Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay

The Wine Advocate: 94+ points: "...has a beautifully expressive and complex nose already, with notes of ripe apples, white peaches, butterscotch and pineapple over savory undertones of croissant, crushed nuts and yeast extract plus a whiff of struck match and wet pebbles. Medium bodied with a beautiful satiny quality to the texture, the fruit remains a bit tight though very concentrated with crisp acid to enliven and a long layered finish." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2011*

jamesuckling.com: 93 points: "...lemon rind and hints of cream and apple...Full and fruity nougat with lovely savory and ripe fruit character. Layered and beautiful. Corton-Charlemagne. Shows a salty undertone." *James Suckling, December 28, 2012*

Wine Spectator: 92 points: "Aromatic, soft and supple, with honey, butterscotch and toasted brioche notes that are as intense as they appear effortless. This delivers plenty of lemon and pear flavors, with a long finish." *MaryAnn Worobiec, June 15, 2012*