

KUMEU RIVER

# 2009 Coddington Chardonnay



## Vineyard Region

Kumeu is a sub-region of the Auckland wine district. Despite being situated well north of New Zealand's other viticultural regions, Kumeu's climate is kept cool due to its close proximity to the Tasman Sea, just 20 kilometers (nearly 12.5 miles) to the west, and the Pacific Ocean 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) to the east. These two large bodies of water generate clouds, keeping peak summer temperatures below 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit).

## Coddington Vineyard

Owned by Tim and Angela Coddington, this vineyard is located between the towns of Huapai and Waimauku in Kumeu. Planted on a clay-based hillside with narrow trellising, the Chardonnay from this block is consistently weighty and powerful with richness and length. The grapes from Coddington have been used in the Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay since 1998. In 2006, the winery decided to give Coddington single-vineyard status to reflect this vineyard's unique character.

## Technical Information

*Varietal Composition:* 100% Chardonnay

*Vinification:* Whole-bunch pressed  
Indigenous yeast fermentation  
100% barrel fermentation  
100% malolactic fermentation  
11 months in barrel

*Cases Imported:* 140 (12/750ml)

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

## Tasting Notes

The 2009 Coddington Chardonnay displays the typical ripe-peach fruit the winery expects from this site. The palate is forward with a luxurious creamy texture and lovely balancing acidity. This wine, while delicious in its youth, will benefit from a period of bottle maturation of two to four years.

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