KUMEU RIVER

2011 Chardonnays Critical Acclaim

2011 Estate Chardonnay

eRobertParker: 91 points: "The 2011 Estate Chardonnay is scented of white peaches and golden delicious apples with underlying hints of orange peel, lime blossoms and fresh cream. Medium-bodied with great tension in the mouth lending support to the stone fruit and yeast-laced layers, it finishes with very good length." Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2013

2011 Coddington Chardonnay

eRobertParker: 92+ *points*: "The 2011 Coddington Chardonnay entices with a nose of apricots, pink grapefruit and toasted almonds accented by hints of ginger and mace. Tightly knit at this youthful stage, the medium-bodied palate gives a wonderful intensity of citrus and spicy stone fruit flavors, plus a refreshing burst of acidity through a long finish." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2011*

2011 Hunting Hill Chardonnay

eRobertParker: 95 points: "Wow – the 2011 Hunting Hill Chardonnay shows off an incredible nose of exotic fruits, spices and savories including mango, guava, pineapple paste and yeast extract over touches of brioche, cashews, fresh ginger, cinnamon toast and coriander seed with a whiff of honeysuckle. Medium to full-bodied, rich and seductive in the mouth, this Chardonnay is one for the hedonists as it offers an array of tropical fruit and spice flavors balanced by racy acidity and a finish with great length." Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2013

eRobertParker: 95 points, Best of 2013: "World-class Chardonnays are emerging out of some very special pockets in New Zealand and they are worth shouting about! Unfortunately these wines are also very small production and already have a cult following amongst the Kiwi wine cognoscenti, so if you manage to find a bottle, nab it! You won't be disappointed." *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, December* 31, 2013

Wine Spectator Insider: 93 points: "Starts out firm and juicy, with green apple, Asian pear and lemon zest notes, but then gains momentum, with toast, vanilla bean, candied ginger and honeycomb details, culminating in a detailed, refreshing wine with a long, lingering finish." MaryAnn Worobiec, April 9, 2014

2011 Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay

eRobertParker: 94+ points: "The 2011 Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay exudes gorgeous aromas of honeysuckle, grapefruit essence and peach kernels along with an undercurrent of beeswax, cedar, preserved ginger and jasmine. The elegantly styled, medium-bodied palate offers a great concentration of taut fruit, creamy and toasty layers alongside a well-placed line of uplifting acid to carry it to a long, lively and mineral-laced finish." Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2013

Wine Spectator Insider: 92 points: "The apricot, yellow apple, quince, pear, toasted spice and honeysuckle notes are focused and harmonious, set on a smooth body, with a lift of juicy acidity on the finish." MaryAnn Worobiec, April 9, 2014

