

KUMEU RIVER

2012 Coddington Chardonnay



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.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	1.8 hectares (4.4 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 1994
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North
<i>Training:</i>	VSP
<i>Yields:</i>	2.71 tons/acre
<i>Brix:</i>	21.5°

Technical Information

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vinification: Whole-bunch pressed
Wild-yeast fermentation
Fermented in French oak
100% malolactic fermentation
Aged 11 months in French barriques (25% new, remainder up to 5 years)
Aged 6-8 months in tank after being removed from barrel
Aged 12 months in bottle prior to release

Production: 850 cases (12/750ml)

Alcohol / TA / pH: 13.5% / 5.9g/L / 3.18

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Coddington shows the typical ripe, peachy fruit expected from this site. The wine also displays a depth and layers of concentration due to the tiny cropping level. The palate is forward with a luxurious creamy texture and lovely balancing acidity.

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