

KUMEU RIVER

2012 Estate Chardonnay



Vineyards

For the 2012 Estate Chardonnay, Kumeu River carefully selected only the very best grapes from five vineyard sites: Hunting Hill, Waitakere Road, Neal, Mincham and Kingsmill.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Total Size:</i>	10 hectares (24.7 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 1990-2001
<i>Clones:</i>	15, Mendoza, 95, 96, 6
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre and VSP
<i>Harvest Dates:</i>	March-April
<i>Yields:</i>	3.5 tons/acre

Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole-bunch pressed Wild-yeast fermentation Fermented in French barriques 100% malolactic fermentation Aged 11 months in French barriques (20% 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
<i>Production:</i>	5,500 cases (12/750ml)
<i>Alcohol / TA / pH:</i>	13.5% / 5.7g/L / 3.26

Tasting Notes

The Estate Chardonnay from this vintage is ripe, rich and beautifully concentrated. The beautiful peach and hazelnut aromas, along with the rich, silky texture are distinct characteristics that are expected from this wine.

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