

KUMEU RIVER

# 2013 Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay



## Maté's Vineyard

In 1990, Maté Brajkovich reworked the land at Kumeu River and planted a new vineyard of Chardonnay on the site of the family's original vineyard, purchased in 1944. The first harvest from these new vines was in March 1993, the year following Maté's death. The vineyard was named Maté's Vineyard in his honor, and the resulting single-vineyard wine was first released in November 1994 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Brajkovich family's arrival in Kumeu.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	3.2 hectares (7.9 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 1990
<i>Clones:</i>	Mendoza
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre

## Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation 100% barrel fermented 100% malolactic fermentation Aged 11 months in barrel

## Tasting Notes

The Maté's Vineyard is usually the most reserved and unyielding when young, and this is even more so with the 2013 vintage. The nose is very closed, just giving hints of the golden queen peach and mineral notes expected from Maté's Vineyard. On the palate, however, the flavor is very concentrated and distinctly richer than the other 2013 wines, while still maintaining a perfect balance and freshness that sets this wine apart and makes it wonderful. This is a wine of immense concentration that will be very long-lived.

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