

KUMEU RIVER

# 2014 Hunting Hill Chardonnay



## Hunting Hill Vineyard

Overlooking Maté's Vineyard, Hunting Hill is named after the hillside farmland where Maté used to hunt rabbits and pheasants for the home kitchen. First planted in 1982, it was the site of the first vines to produce Kumeu River Chardonnay in the mid-1980s, and has always contributed lovely ripe, rich fruit to the Estate Chardonnay. After being replanted in 2000, Hunting Hill shows beautifully ripe fruit with a distinctive minerality.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	3.07 hectares (7.6 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 2000
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay loam
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North-facing slope a little towards southwest
<i>Training:</i>	Lyre

## Technical Information

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

## Tasting Notes

This wine has fragrant lemon/lime blossom aromas on the nose that typify the lovely perfume from fruit grown in Hunting Hill. This wine shares some of the characters with the neighbouring Maté's Vineyard with its attractive floral notes and restrained elegance. The Hunting Hill vineyard has a particularly pure character that, in its youth, displays a tight and crisp palate. Bottle age will reveal the power and concentration that lies beneath the surface.

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