

KUMEU RIVER

2015 Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay



Vineyards

Kumeu River Chardonnay is drawn from six different vineyard sites in the Kumeu Region. We are particularly careful in selecting only the very best grapes from these vineyards for our Kumeu River Estate label.

<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>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

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 quantity of Estate Chardonnay for 2015 is less than expected due to spring frost and poor flowering. The summer of 2015 and due to the low yield this wine has remarkable depth and intensity. The nose is immediately fragrant and peachy, the texture rich and lingering with a beautiful bracing acidity on the finish. The wine is delicious now but with this level of concentration and complexity it certainly will be very long-lived

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