

KUMEU RIVER

Single-Vineyard Chardonnay

	Maté's Vineyard	Hunting Hill Vineyard	Coddington Vineyard
Origin of Name	Named for Brajkovich family patriarch. Replanting this vineyard in 1990 was his last vineyard project.	Named after the hillside farmland where Maté used to hunt rabbits and pheasants for the home kitchen	Owned by Tim and Angela Coddington. Tim is a film producer and produced such films as "Bridge to Terabithia" and "Yogi Bear."
Planted	Purchased in 1944, replanted in 1990	Originally planted in the mid-1980s, replanted in 2000	Kumeu River partner since 1998
Soil	Very heavy clay over sandstone	Heavy clay over sandstone. It also has an iron pan about 12 inches below the surface, which none of the other vineyards have.	Heavy clay over sandstone
Clones	Low-yielding Mendoza clone	Clone UCD15, which shares the low-yielding trait of the Mendoza clone. UCD15 ripens easier and earlier than Mendoza.	Clone UCD15, which shares the low-yielding trait of the Mendoza clone. UCD15 ripens easier and earlier than Mendoza.
Additional Notes About the Clones	Kumeu River waited until there were some heat-treated (i.e. virus-free) Mendoza plants available, but time has shown that they all do indeed have virus. Actually, the virus probably causes the characters that the winery likes about this clone.	Clone 15 arrived on the scene as a virus-free analogue to the Mendoza clone, and Kumeu River has large areas planted to it. Clone 15 performs very well here. Kumeu River also has plantings of Clones 95 and 96 from Dijon, and just this year planted some new-generation clones from France called 548 and 1066, which look to be very promising.	Clone 15 arrived on the scene as a virus-free analogue to the Mendoza clone, and Kumeu River has large areas planted to it. Clone 15 performs very well here. Kumeu River also has plantings of Clones 95 and 96 from Dijon, and just this year planted some new-generation clones from France called 548 and 1066, which look to be very promising.
Exposure	Located next to an old creek, Maté's is the lowest-lying vineyard. It has a very sheltered position and faces north to the sun.	Has varying aspects, but tends to face a little south and west, so is exposed to the westerly winds and is not as warm a site as Coddington	Very sheltered and faces directly north, so gets maximum sun and heat, and provides grapes with the ripest flavors
Vineyard's Flavor Profile	Always gives great intensity of "lollyish" Chardonnay characters, (i.e. caramel and confectionery notes)	Clone 15 is typically a fruitier Chardonnay, with flavors of white flowers coming from Hunting Hill.	Clone 15 is typically a fruitier Chardonnay, with flavors of peach and apricot coming from Coddington.