

# KUMEU RIVER

## KUMEU RIVER 2020 VILLAGE PINOT NOIR

#### **ABOUT THE WINERY**

Founded in 1944 by Mick Brajkovich, wife Katé and son Maté, Kumeu River was one of the early pioneers in Auckland, New Zealand, that helped to establish its reputation as a world-class wine region. Still family owned and run, Kumeu River continues to pioneer new frontiers.

#### **ABOUT THE WINE**

In April 2017, Kumeu River took possession of a vineyard at Rays Road in Hawkes Bay that was already planted with Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The vineyard soil is wind-blown clay loess over limestone, so they were particularly keen to see how these varieties performed. With the 2020 vintage, the winery blended the grapes from Rays Road (74%) with some outstanding richer Kumeu fruit (26%).

### **KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Winemaker Michael Brajkovich became New Zealand's first member of the prestigious Institute of Masters of Wine, London
- Winery has gone on to become the globally recognized benchmark for Chardonnay produced outside of Burgundy
- All Kumeu River wines are hand-harvested, whole bunch pressed and demonstrate exclusive use of indigenous yeast fermentation
- Family owned winery established in 1944

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#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Vineyard Region: Rays Road, Raukawa, Hawkes Bay (74%) and Kumeu (26%)

**Vinification:** 100% hand harvested, 100% de-stemmed then crushed, indigenous yeast fermentation, 2 weeks total cuvaison, twice daily remontage, 7 months maturation in tank

