



KUMEU RIVER

KUMEU RIVER 2021 VILLAGE CHARDONNAY

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

Produced from grapes grown in Kumeu and Hawkes Bay this wine undergoes partial barrel fermentation which provides some richness but very little oak in influence. Combined with the tank fermentation, this allows the vibrant fruit to show through beautifully with lively lime and lemon aromas and a flinty, mineral edginess with hints of fig and white peach. Due to a spring frost, the winery had a very small yield in Kumeu so Hawkes Bay fruit made up 57% of the final blend. This includes some fruit from the Rays Road vineyard which gives the wine an extra limestone edginess.

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
- The winery is 100% family established, owned and run

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varietal composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vinification: 100% hand harvested, 100% whole-bunch pressed, indigenous-yeast fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation, 61% tank fermentation; 39% barrel fermentation | **Alc:** 13%



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"As always, this has a selection of riper fruit, in the more tropical spectrum of melon and peach. It retains purity well. The palate holds such impressive concentration and hits the mark of freshness. A very strong release, representing real value"

- James Suckling, November 2021
(2020 Vintage)



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