

KUMEU RIVER

2016 Kumeu Village Chardonnay



Vineyard Region

Kumeu, Auckland
Hawkes Bay

Winemaker

Michael Brajkovich, MW

Technical Information

Varietal Composition: 100% Chardonnay
Vinification: 100% hand harvested
100% whole bunch pressed
Indigenous yeast fermentation
100% malo-lactic fermentation
75% Tank Fermentation
25% Barrel Fermentation
(Old Barrels)

Tasting Notes

The wine was fermented 25% in old French oak barriques, and 75% in stainless steel tanks, so there is very little oak influence on either nose or palate. This has allowed 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.

The 2016 Village Chardonnay has a weighty mid-palate also shows peachy ripeness along with crisp acid minerality that gives the wine a refreshing cleansing quality. This wine is delightful as an aperitif, and even better to drink with fish and shellfish.

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