

KUMEU RIVER

2016 Kumeu River Coddington Chardonnay



Coddington Vineyard

This wine is produced from a vineyard owned by Tim and Angela Coddington whose grapes have contributed to the blend of Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay since 1998. It is a vineyard that produces very rich and unctuous Chardonnay that we have long believed could make an excellent single vineyard wine. In 2006 we decided to give Coddington single vineyard status to reflect this vineyard's unique character.

<i>Vineyard Region:</i>	Coddington Vineyard Kumeu, Auckland
<i>Cultivation:</i>	Sustainable
<i>Size:</i>	1.8 hectares (4.4 acres)
<i>Vine Age:</i>	Planted 1994
<i>Clones:</i>	15
<i>Soil:</i>	Clay
<i>Elevation:</i>	Approximately 100 meters (328 feet)
<i>Exposure:</i>	North
<i>Training:</i>	VSP

Technical Information

<i>Varietal Composition:</i>	100% Chardonnay
<i>Vinification:</i>	Hand harvested Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation 100% barrel fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation Aged 11 months in barrel

Tasting Notes

Usually the most flamboyant wine when young, the 2016 Coddington has a beautiful nose showing the rich peach aromas and luscious creaminess we expect from this vineyard. The 2016 is supple, beautifully balanced and deceptively easy to drink at this early stage. No doubt this wine will also take on lovely bottle age as it has done with previous vintages.