

KUMEU RIVER

2019 Kumeu River Hunting Hill Chardonnay



Hunting Hill Vineyard

Hunting Hill is a vineyard that was first planted in 1982 and became a significant part of the original Kumeu River Chardonnay blend. Occupying the slope overlooking Mate's Vineyard, it has always contributed lovely ripe and rich fruit to the Estate Chardonnay. Hunting Hill was replanted in 2000 and is now even better than before, giving beautifully ripe fruit with a distinctive mealy minerality.

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| <i>Vineyard Region:</i> | Hunting Hill, Kumeu, Auckland |
| <i>Cultivation:</i> | Sustainable |
| <i>Size:</i> | 3.37 hectares (8 acres) |
| <i>Vine Age:</i> | Planted 2001 |
| <i>Clones:</i> | 15 |
| <i>Soil:</i> | Clay loam |
| <i>Elevation:</i> | 100 meters (328 feet) |
| <i>Exposure:</i> | North facing but sloping slightly to Southwest |
| <i>Training:</i> | Lyre |
| <i>Yields:</i> | 2.7 tonne/acre |
| <i>Brix:</i> | 22.5° |

Technical Information

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| <i>Varietal Composition:</i> | 100% Chardonnay |
| <i>Vinification:</i> | Hand harvested Whole-bunch pressed Indigenous-yeast fermentation French oak barrels, 25% new oak 100% barrel fermentation 100% malolactic fermentation 11 months maturation in barrel |

Tasting Notes

The 2019 vintage was exceptional and produced sensational Chardonnay across all vineyards. Hunting Hill is very distinctive in its terroir typicity, with piercing lemon/lime fruit lift and florality on the nose, richness and volume in the mouth followed by lingering acidity and minerality on the finish. This is an absolute classic example of how great the Chardonnay grape can be: A beautifully powerful, yet elegant and complex wine with long term aging ability.