

TIM ATKIN_{MW}

WINE OF THE WEEK

7TH OCTOBER 2020⁹³

2019 Kumeu River Village Hand Harvested Chardonnay, Kumeu

If Michael Brajkovich MW were a Burgundian rather than a New Zealander, he would be among the most celebrated white winemakers in the Côte de Beaune, right up there with the likes of Dominique Lafon, Pierre-Vves Colin Morey and Jean-Marc Roulot. The good news for us is that we can buy his amazing Chardonnays at ludicrously cheap prices. This is only his entry-point wine, but is typically well balanced, refreshing and focused, with just a hint of oak spice, leesy complexity, some struck match undertones and a chiselled, refreshing finish. A Kiwi wine that's better than many Puligny-Montrachets.