

2019 Kumeu River Coddington Chardonnay

VINEYARD REGION

Coddington Vineyard

Kumeu, Auckland

Size: 1.8 hectares

Planted 1994

VINIFICATION

Hand harvested

Whole-bunch pressed

Indigenous yeast fermentation

100% barrel fermentation

French Oak, 25% New Oak

100% malo-lactic fermentation

11 months maturation in barrel

WINEMAKER

Michael Brajkovich M.W.

This wine is produced from a vineyard previously 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.

The 2019 vintage was exceptional and has produced sensational Chardonnay across the board. The single-vineyard Coddington wine is strongly coloured and richly ripe in the yellow peach and apricot spectrum, with a background of toasted oak and caramelised hazelnut. It is the biggest style in our range, and satisfyingly rich as such, but also nicely balanced with its acidity.