

KUMEU RIVER: Pinnacle of New Zealand Chardonnay...by Neal Martin



“If you can taste history, duty, and family pride in a glass, it’s there in the Kumeu River Chardonnays...now producing some of New Zealand’s greatest Chardonnays, not to mention the world’s.”

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, M.W./Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

White Burgundy in Kiwi Clothing

Burgundy influenced style of Chardonnay that featured indigenous yeasts, extended lees ageing, and malo-lactic fermentation

“When I was covering the country for The Wine Advocate between 2008 and 2010, there was one estate that represented the pinnacle of New Zealand Chardonnay: Kumeu River. I regularly applauded their wines in my reports and Lisa Perrotti-Brown continued clapping after taking over reviewing duties. At that time I didn't feel that Kumeu River's Chardonnays were some of the best in New Zealand. No, **they were some of the best in the world.**



The wines were arranged in four flights, the vintages 2012, 2010, 2009 and 2007. Ironically, the most expensive bottle, namely the Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon from Domaine Leflaive.

So how did the Kumeu River wines stack up? Well, their wine **achieved the highest average score** in all but one of the flights, when it came in second.”

- The Wine Advocate – Neal Martin

Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay 2014



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WA94+: "The 2014 Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay delivers wonderful intensity with fragrant lemon, orange blossom and grapefruit aromas plus crushed stones, flint, toast and yeast extract hints. Medium-bodied, the palate is filled with vibrant citrus flavors and great acidity, finishing with excellent persistence."

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Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay 2015



WA92: "The 2015 Estate Chardonnay is more open-knit and less taut than the single vineyard wines, with an expressive nose of ripe nectarines, pink grapefruit and guava, plus underlying notes of baking bread and ginger. Medium-bodied, it offers richness and good depth in the mouth with a an approachable, refreshing backbone and great harmony."

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Wine	Vintage	WA	Special/ btl	Case/btl (12+)
White				
Kumeu River Coddington Chardonnay	2015	-	\$240	\$225
Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay	2015	92	\$208	\$198
Kumeu River Hunting Hill Chardonnay	2015	-	\$270	\$260
Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay	2014	94+	\$340	\$320
Kumeu River Village Chardonnay	2015	-	\$130	\$125
Kumeu River Village Pinot Gris	2015	-	\$160	\$150
Red				
Kumeu River Hunting Hill Pinot Noir	2014	90+	\$250	\$235
Kumeu River Village Pinot Noir	2015	-	\$135	\$130

Kumeu River Wines encompasses 30 hectares of vineyards, which are predominantly clay soils overlying a sandstone base. These soil types retain sufficient water at depth, even during the summer months, to ensure the deep vine roots continue to hydrate the vine without excessive vigour. Therefore, the vineyard doesn't require irrigation, a factor that is critical to the quality of Kumeu River's grapes.

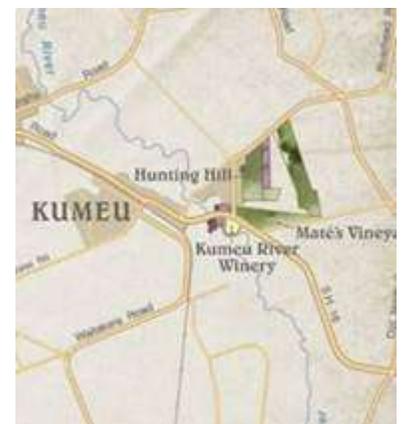
Despite being situated well north of New Zealand's other viticultural regions, Kumeu's climate is kept cool thanks to its close proximity to the Tasman Sea, just 20km to the west and the Pacific Ocean 30km to the east. These two large bodies of water generate clouds, which help to moderate the climate, keeping peak summer temperatures below 30°C. These temperatures contribute to the conditions that enhance the fantastic aromas and flavours from early ripening varieties such as Chardonnay and Pinot Gris.

The vineyards are trained on a 'Lyre' trellis to help optimise exposure to light and increase grape maturity and quality. One of the distinguishing factors of Kumeu River's wines is all of the grapes are harvested by hand. This allows the opportunity to remove sub-standard grapes by hand; the result is a net yield of purely high-quality grapes.

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