

2019 Kumeu River Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay

VINEYARD REGION

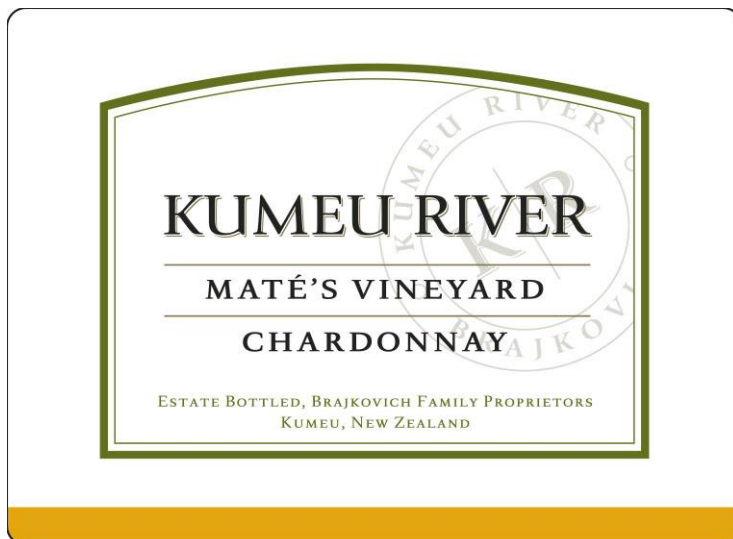
Maté's Vineyard
Kumeu, Auckland
Vineyard size: 2.49 hectares
Planted 1990

VINIFICATION

Hand harvested
Whole-bunch pressed
Indigenous yeast fermentation
100% barrel fermentation
French Oak, 30% New Oak
100% malo-lactic fermentation
11 months maturation in barrel

WINEMAKER

Michael Brajkovich M.W.



In 1990, Maté Brajkovich reworked the land and planted a new vineyard of Chardonnay vines on the site of the original vineyard that he and his family purchased in March 1944. The first grapes from this vineyard were harvested in March 1993, the year following Maté's death. The resulting wine was released in November 1994 to coincide with celebrations marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Brajkovich Family's arrival at Kumeu River.

The 2019 vintage was exceptional and produced sensational Chardonnay across all our vineyards. Maté's Vineyard is always the last site we pick each year. In 2019 the grapes certainly had the distinctive Mendoza millerandage, giving many small berries along with the normal sized ones, and as a result a wonderfully concentrated palate texture and fruit richness. Although still somewhat shy on the nose coming out of the barrel, with bottle age the full palette of complex aromas and bouquet of this wonderful wine will be gradually and seductively revealed.