

2022 Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay

VINEYARD REGION

Mate'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
13% vol.

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.

This release marks the 30th vintage for Mate's Vineyard and continues the amazing run of vintages we have had with this vineyard. The conditions during the 2022 harvest were superb and the fruit from Mate's Vineyard was ripe and pristine. The resulting wine shows the density, concentration and length that we expect and even though it is somewhat shy on the nose, with bottle age the full palette of complex aromas and bouquet of this wonderful wine will shine through. A fitting 30th vintage.