

# 2020 Kumeu River Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay

## VINEYARD REGION

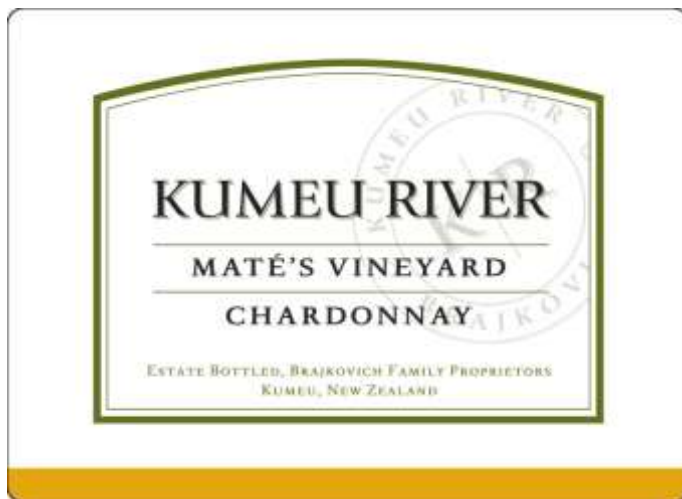
Mate's Vineyard  
Kumeu, Auckland  
Vineyard size: 2.49 hectares  
Planted 1990

## 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

## 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 2020 vintage for Mate's Vineyard was truly remarkable. We have seen some fine wines from this vineyard in the last 30 years but 2020 is the pinnacle of what we have achieved so far. Mate's Vineyard is always the last site we pick each year. In 2020 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, with bottle age the full palette of complex aromas and bouquet of this wonderful wine will be gradually and seductively revealed.