



Despite consistent international praise for their world class Chardonnays, the Brajkovich family remain supremely modest and low key when it comes to proclaiming the quality of their vintages at Kumeu River in Auckland, New Zealand. So when Michael Brajkovich MW says that the 2020 vintage might be the best he's ever made – everyone takes notice!

We are thrilled to offer you new releases of Kumeu River's 2020 Estate and Single Vineyard. As you will see below, glowing reviews from international critics are already flooding in before their international release on August 1st.

About the 2020 vintage:

The 2020 vintage was the perfect combination of conditions – cool to warm and very dry. Early flowering in Spring brought the harvest date forward by 7-10 days compared to normal. This, coupled with warm dry ripening conditions creating optimum health in the vineyard enabled the grapes to reach perfect maturity, full and ripe with high acidity and low ph. The 2020's are remarkable examples of the Kumeu style.

Demand is sky high and stock is extremely limited.

Each wine is available in 6 packs with Special Pre-Release Pricing and are only available by emailing me with your "wish list" rhys@thevinepress.com

Orders close Sunday 1st August.

Cheers, Rhys Connery



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THE WINES:

KUMEU RIVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2020 RRP \$51 **Our Special 6 Pack Price**
\$38.99



Winemaker notes: *“The Kumeu vineyards that contribute to our Estate Chardonnay gave us some magnificent fruit. The level of citrus fruit complexity, and the layering of aromas and flavours that this wine shows are stunning. This is a quality Chardonnay wine of style and pedigree.”*

94 points, Bob Campbell MW *“Rich, textural and silken chardonnay with tree fruit, peach, nectarine, toast and brioche flavours. Seamless wine with a backbone of bright acidity helping to drive a lengthy finish. A stylish, polished chardonnay.”*

17.5/20 Matthew Jukes *“Bold, assertive and punchy, this is a grand-shaped wine for the money ..”*

94 points, Thomas Parker MW for Farr Vintners *“Kumeu River’s Estate Chardonnay must be one of the best value white wines in the world. In a great vintage like 2020 (and 2019) - the high quality of fruit elevates this bottling even closer to the single vineyard wines.”*

KUMEU RIVER CODDINGTON CHARDONNAY 2020 RRP \$81 **Our Special 6 Pack Price**
\$66.99



Winemaker notes: *“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 hazelnut. It is the biggest style in our range, and satisfyingly rich as such, but also nicely balanced with its acidity.”*

18/20, Matthew Jukes *“Coddington is my pick of the two ‘Premiers Crus’ not least because it is seamless, refined and already completely integrated. This is a sensual wine with wonderful texture and refinement .. in 2020 it is a shimmering beauty. In value terms, you are still only matching up to a low-level Saint-Aubin, so this wine, again, aces it against Burgundian competition.”*

95/100, Bob Campbell MW *“Rich, opulent chardonnay with ripe apple, lime, nectarine, white peach and wet slate and mineral characters. A weighty, textural wine with a strong fruit focus supported by savoury, yeast lees and subtle oak flavours.”*

95+ points, Thomas Parker MW for Farr Vintners *“... what we feel is the best Coddington that we have ever tasted .. This is ripe and intense yet perfectly balanced, finding a layers of gun smoke and sweet spices .. An outstanding Coddington.”*

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KUMEU RIVER HUNTING HILL CHARDONNAY 2020 RRP \$107 Our Special 6 Pack Price \$86.99



Winemaker Notes: *"Hunting Hill is very distinctive in its terroir typicity, with piercing lemon/lime fruit lift and florality on the nose, with richness and volume in the mouth followed by lingering acidity and minerality on the finish. A beautifully elegant wine."*

97/100, Bob Campbell MW *"Weighty, textural chardonnay with an array of subtle citrus, oyster-shell and stone fruit flavours. A bold, complex wine with impressive drive and obvious longevity. Chardonnay with gravitas."*

95 points, Rebecca Gibb MW, Vinous Media *"Possibly the most complete Hunting Hill Chardonnay I've tasted in youth, the 2020 provides a harmonious, melt-in-your-mouth impression. It has breadth and concentration but retains a sense of elegance on the midpalate before finishing with precision and length .."*

18 points, Matthew Jukes *"This is a commanding HH and it shows the restraint and also the structure that this label can summon up in the best vintages .."*

97 points, Thomas Parker MW for Farr Vintners *"Steely and tight on the nose initially, this reveals itself beautifully with air as it always does .. built with superb structure for the long term."*

KUMEU RIVER MATES CHARDONNAY 2020 RRP \$111 Our Special 6 Pack Price \$88.99



Winemakers Notes: *"Mate'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."*

96/100, Bob Campbell MW *"Rich, concentrated single vineyard wine that is a very good example of this flagship label. Ripe peach, apricot, mandarin blossom and spicy oak flavours. Deliciously approachable now but with potential."*

97 points, Rebecca Gibb MW, Vinous *"It is full-bodied, round and offers fruit ripeness .. retains a sense of nerve, with powerful citrusy acidity providing the needle that pulls a tight thread through this wine's core. The 2020 is still far too young, and it is aromatically shy, but even in its full mature glory, it won't exhibit aromatic fireworks – nor should it. This is Chardonnay."*

96 points, Thomas Parker MW for Farr Vintners *"The Brajkovich family believe this is the highest quality fruit they have ever harvested from this site .. Rich and expansive on the nose, bringing the best of Hunting Hill and Coddington together ..Complexity comes in waves from spice, succulent fruit and savoury, mineral tones. A structured and harmonious wine, it is an incredibly impressive iteration of Mate's Vineyard."*

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