

# 2022 Kumeu River Hunting Chardonnay



## **VINEYARD REGION**

Kumeu, Auckland

## **VINIFICATION**

Hand harvested  
Whole-bunch pressed  
Indigenous yeast fermentation  
100% barrel fermentation  
100% malo-lactic fermentation  
11 months maturation in barrel

## **DRINK WITH**

Seafood, Pasta, Chicken, Risotto

Hunting Hill is a vineyard that was first planted in 1982 and became a significant part of the original Kumeu River Chardonnay blend. Occupying the slope overlooking Maté's Vineyard, it has always contributed lovely ripe and rich fruit to the Estate Chardonnay. Hunting Hill was replanted in 2000 and is now even better than before, giving beautifully ripe fruit with a distinctive, mealy minerality.

The incredible run of vintages since 2019 has continued with 2022. The conditions during harvest were superb and 2022 produced a classic Hunting Hill. Very distinctive terroir driven typicity, with piercing lemon/lime fruit lift and florality on the nose, richness and volume in the mouth followed by lingering acidity and minerality on the finish. This is an absolute classic example of how great the Chardonnay grape can be: A beautifully powerful, yet elegant and complex wine with long term aging ability.