



## Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay 2019

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.

### Winemaker's Notes

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.

### 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

Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay: "Tense, ripe, pure, mineral, finesse, charm and beguiling. This is the best Maté's I have encountered - the vintage says it all - aromas and flavours of apples and peaches, citrus of grapefruit and lemon then layers of new-ish wood adding in texture, harmony, tension and length. The acidity *is ripe and almost sweet to the taste also suggesting a light saline note. The palate is full and lengthy, pure and generous. Available from August - put your name down for a case. Best drinking likely beginning 2022 through 2032.* **98 Points** *This is highest score I have ever awarded a New Zealand Chardonnay - this wine is simply fantastic!* Cameron Douglas MS