



## 2021 Kumeu River Maté's Vineyard Chardonnay

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 2021 vintage for Maté's Vineyard continues the amazing run of vintages we have had with this vineyard. We experienced a spring frost in October 2020 and this reduced the yield across all our vineyards. The rest of the growing season was excellent and the grapes harvested in 2021 were ripe, rich and concentrated. The resulting wine shows the density, concentration and length that we expect from a terrific Maté's Vineyard vintage. 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.

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

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*"Pale gold. Quite an opulent nose. I must say the nose made me think involuntarily of some Corton-Charlemagnes. Really precise and meaty with perfect balance. You could already enjoy it but it will surely become even more complex in bottle. Long and satisfying, a wine designed to soothe sore throats. Quite a triumph; easy to see why it's the most expensive in this range."*

Jancis Robinson MW

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