

 Aotearoa Chardonnay Symposium 2026

Technical Information for Wines - All Sessions

Day #1	Session #3	Wine #1
Winery	KUMEU RIVER WINES LIMITED	
Viticulturist (Chef de Culture)	Milan Brajkovich	
Winemaker (Maitre de Chai)	Michael Brajkovich, MW and Nigel Tibbits	
Wine	2025 Kumeu Village Chardonnay	
Region/Appellation	Kumeu / Hawkes Bay	
Sub region(s)		
Wine RRP \$	\$25.00	
Cases produced	10,000	

Wine Analysis	
pH	3.27
TA	5.8
VA	0.33
DCO2	1.1
Alcohol %	13.3
RS	1.4

Harvest	1	2	3	4
Date	2 Feb - 16 Mar 2025			
Brix	20.7 - 22.7			
pH	3.18 - 3.32			
TA	7.3 - 9.2			
Malic Acid	2.4 - 3.4			
YAN				
Method of Harvest	Hand			
Fruit condition				
Field Additions				
Other...				

Pressing	
Additions to fruit (pre-pressing)	No
Destemmed	No
Whole Bunch	Yes
Crushed	No
Press Type	Willmes UP / Merlin
Wash	No
Press fractions	No
Press rate L/tonne	725 -730
Hard pressings, kept /downgraded	No
Juice additions, types and rates	Sulfur Dioxide, 50-60 mg/L
Gas cover, inert	No
Hyper Ox, timing	No
Settling. Time, temperature	12 hours, 12 degrees C
Direct to barrel	No
Juice NTU (if known).	190 - 270
Other...	

Fermentation	
Vessel Type(s)	Barrels (228L) and Stainless Steel (various)
New oak, % and type	No
Temp Control. Target temp or rate	20 degC
Wild ferment, % of blend	100%
Inoculated. Yeast used and rate	No
Nutrient Additions. Type, rate, timing	No
Oxygen Additions. Timing, rate	O2, 1.5 ml/L x 3 additions
Enrichment. Target Alc %, timing	
Acidification. Target pH/TA, timing	No
MLF. Inoculated / natural, timing	Yes, uninoculated
Warming for MLF	No
% MLF in blend	100%
Other...	

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Post Ferment / Finishing	
Stirring, frequency	Yes x 3
Enzyme addition	No
Other lees management	No
Time in barrel	5 months
Time in tank prior to finishing	1 month
Palate fining, type and rate	No
Protein fining, to what level	No
Cold Stabilisation, to what level	Yes
Filtration, type	Yes, Crossflow
FSO2 level at bottling	41 mg/L
TSO2 level at bottling	110 mg/L
Bottling date	2 Sept - 10 Dec 2025
Filtration type at bottling	Membrane 0.65 micron
Release date	Oct-25
Other...	