



Estate Walnut Wash Vineyard

Our estate “Walnut Wash” vineyard sits in the afternoon shadows of the Mayacamas Mountains at the north end of Napa Valley in the Calistoga AVA. The site is warm and protected and features a mix of deep clay and stony soils. There are currently seven acres planted to Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Petite Sirah and Tempranillo. In 2014 we added four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon. Under the guidance of winemaker Christine Barbe, our vineyard is intensely farmed for low yields and high quality. The unique conditions and favorable terroir produces exceptional fruit each vintage.

Vineyard Highlights

- 7 acres planted to vines at our estate in Calistoga, Napa Valley, CA
- The site features a gentle slope below Mayacamas Mountain Range
- The soils are a mix of deep clay and stones
- The climate is relatively warm and protected
- The site is planted to Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Tempranillo, Petite Sirah. Four acres of Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 2014.
- Farming for lower yields and higher quality
- Intense canopy management program
- Our grapes are all hand harvesting

Winemaking

On the winemaking front, Christine Barbe has had a dramatic impact on the quality and style of Coquerel’s wines. All of our bottlings are handmade in small lots to ensure character and authenticity. Our whites are bright, crisp, elegant and well structured. Our reds are intense, aromatic, harmonious and lush. Complexity, concentration, balance and minerality are the hallmarks of our wines.

We produce two tiers of wine from our estate and other premier Napa Valley vineyards. The “Le Petit” label emphasizes pure varietal character, balance and accessibility, while the “Terroir” wines emphasize site, complexity and age-worthiness.

Winemaking Highlights

- Small lot fermentations
- No ML for white wines
- Extended lees contact for white wines
- Moderate percentage of new French oak
- Lower alcohols, lower pH, higher acidities for better balance and age-worthiness
- Minimal fining and filtration
- French winemaker who has made wine in California since 1996