



COQUEREL

2012 COQUEREL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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OVERVIEW

Coquerel Family Wine Estates is located just beyond the town of Calistoga at the north end of the Napa Valley. The heart and soul of our winery is our estate vineyard, a gorgeous, oak-studded property that sits in the afternoon shadows of the Mayacamas Mountains. Since 2005, we have done extensive enhancement and replanting of the site to ensure world-class fruit from vintage to vintage. The combination of warm temperatures and deep, clay soils makes this ideal terroir for Sauvignon Blanc, our flagship variety. It also produces exceptional Verdelho, Tempranillo and Petite Sirah. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Chardonnay, Cabernet and other noble grapes from a handful of premier growers throughout the Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

The 2012 season was dryer than the previous two years. The last notable rain occurred in April and no frost after bud break was recorded. The set was excellent and the resulting crop was a welcome turn after the extremely low yields of 2011. The summer was warm and even with no major heat spikes. Cool mornings and evenings towards the end of the growing season ensured full ripeness and firm acid levels. The fruit was harvested on October 11.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, cold macerated for 24 hours and punched down throughout fermentation to extract as much flavor as possible. The wine was then pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged 20 months in French oak (25% new).

TASTING NOTES

The fruit for our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon came from a sloped site in St. Helena. The wine is moderately dark with a highly aromatic nose featuring earth, dried herbs, cherries, leather and licorice. The palate is round and balanced with an undercoating of soft tannins. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	TA	6.14
REGION	St. Helena, Napa Valley	pH	3.7
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14%
		CASES	139

