



# COQUEREL

## 2013 VERDELHO

| NAPA VALLEY |

### 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

While the 2013 vintage had 16% more rainfall than 2012, it would still be characterized as a dry year. The start to the season was temperate and fortunately there was no frost after bud break. Overall the summer was marked by cool mornings and warm afternoons. A heat spell during the second week of August accelerated the ripening process. We hand harvested on August 22nd in the early morning hours under cool condition to preserve the freshness of the fruit.

### WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for our 2013 Verdelho came from our estate vineyard in Calistoga. On August 29 we harvested the entire crop in the early morning hours under cool conditions to preserve the fresh fruit character. Fermentation and aging was done in stainless steel barrels sur lie with a weekly batonnage to increase weight and texture. The wine was bottled in May 2014.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2013 Verdelho possesses a bit more structure and liveliness than the 2012. The nose is fresh and generous with notes of lemon and lime. The palate delivers brisk initial acidity, a round mid-palate and an intriguing aftertaste of grapefruit. This beautiful and unique wine works perfectly as an aperitif or first-course wine.

### STATISTICS

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| <b>COMPOSITION</b> .....  | 100% Verdelho                         | <b>TA</b> .....      | 6.5   |
| <b>REGION</b> .....       | Calistoga, Napa Valley                | <b>pH</b> .....      | 3.5   |
| <b>VINEYARD</b> .....     | Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard | <b>ALCOHOL</b> ..... | 13.5% |
| <b>FERMENTATION</b> ..... | Stainless steel barrels               | <b>CASES</b> .....   | 417   |
| <b>AGING</b> .....        | 7 months <i>sur lie</i>               |                      |       |

