



COQUEREL

2014 COQUEREL CABERNET FRANC

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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 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These vineyards are planted high density with the best rootstocks and clones and will start producing during the 2017 vintage. 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 2014 vintage was another dry year for the vineyard and most of the precipitation occurred just before bud break. The spring rain was a welcome sight as it allowed for normal vine canopy growth. The rest of the growing season consisted of cool mornings and warm days. Much like the previous vintage, this growing period began earlier than anticipated. The fruit was harvested during the early morning on October 2nd.

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 2014 Cabernet Franc came from a hillside slope on Bennet Vineyard in the Coombsville AVA. The wine has a dark color and a highly aromatic nose featuring earth, plum and chocolate. The palate is rich, round and dense with soft tannins and a long raspberry-chocolate tinged finish. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc	TA	5.26
REGION	Coombsville, Napa Valley	pH	3.8
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	103

