



COQUEREL

2012 PETITE SIRAH

— | WALNUT WASH VINEYARD • 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

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 ensuring an abundant crop of healthy grapes – a welcome turn after the extremely low yields of 2011. Some thinning around veraison encouraged better vine balance. 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 26.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently de-stemmed, cold macerated and fermented in a one-ton bin. They were punched down over the course of fermentation to extract as much fruit as possible. The wine was then pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged 26 months in French oak.

TASTING NOTES

As you would expect, our 2012 Petite Sirah is one large wine. The color is nearly black, an indicator of the underlying depth and concentration. The nose is dark and ripe with tons of earth, spice and cracked black peppercorns. The tannins are substantial, but cleverly camouflaged by the rich, opulent texture and flavors. While it is powerful, there is still a sense of elegance to this wine.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Petite Sirah	TA	6.3
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.7
FERMENTATION	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	ALCOHOL	14%
AGING	26 months in French oak	CASES	459

