



COQUEREL

2013 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 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 our Cabernet Franc from spectacular site in the Coombsville AVA of southern Napa Valley in the early morning hours on October 18.

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 2013 Cabernet Franc came from a sloped site in the Coombsville AVA. The wine has a dark color and a highly aromatic nose featuring earth, cherry and chocolate. The palate is rich, round and dense with soft tannins and a long finish. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	90% 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

