



# COQUEREL

## 2013 TERROIR COQUEREL SAUVIGNON BLANC

— | 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

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

The fruit for our 2013 Terroir Sauvignon Blanc came from our estate Walnut Wash Vineyard in Calistoga. Once in the winery the clusters were de-stemmed and gently pressed to avoid any bitterness. The juice was settled and fermented in small French oak barrels, 10% of which were new. The wine was aged sur lie with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place in May 2014.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2013 Terroir follows in the footsteps of its predecessors. Although somewhat restrained in its youth, the bouquet is redolent with orange marmalade, kumquat and a hint of vanilla. The palate opens with zingy acidity followed by a creamy mid-palate and a long finish packed with grapefruit and exotic fruit. While it drinks beautifully now, this is one of those rare Sauvignon Blancs that will continue to improve with age.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Sauvignon Blanc	<b>TA</b> .....	7
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.3
<b>VINEYARD</b> .....	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	13.5%
<b>AGING</b> .....	7 months in 100% French oak (10% new), weekly stirring of lees	<b>CASES</b> .....	145

