



COQUEREL

2015 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

2015 was another challenging growing season; the vineyard was beset with a low rainfall for the fourth year in the row with a majority of the precipitation occurring in December 2014 and February 2015. The bud break of the vines was early but the canopy growth was slow due to the drought. Summer was warm with cool mornings and by mid-September we were experiencing heat spikes which is normal for California. We hand harvested our Cabernet Franc in the early morning on September 30th.

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 2015 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 a hint of toast. The palate is rich, round and dense with soft tannins and a long unsweetened dark chocolate finish. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc	TA	6.11
REGION	Coombsville, Napa Valley	pH	3.7
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	72

