



COQUEREL

2015 VERDELHO

| 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 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 canopy growth was slow due to the drought. A small crop size allowed the fruit to mature quickly and we harvested during the early morning of August 21st.

WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for our 2015 Verdelho came from our estate vineyard in Calistoga. On August 21st we hand-harvested the entire crop in the early morning hours under cool conditions to preserve the fresh fruit character. Fermentation and aging was done in stainless steel barrels sur lie with a weekly batonnage to increase weight and texture. The wine was bottled in May 2016.

TASTING NOTES

The nose of our 2015 Verdelho is fresh and generous with notes of lemon and pineapple. The palate delivers crisp initial acidity, with a long exotic fruit finish. This beautiful and unique wine works perfectly as an aperitif or first-course wine and pairs well with oysters, ceviche, sushi.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Verdelho	TA	5.6
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.53
VINEYARD	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	ALCOHOL	14%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel barrels	CASES	73
AGING	8 months <i>sur lie</i>		

