



COQUEREL

2016 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

2016 was the sixth vintage in a row of drought with a rain pattern slightly different than the previous year. Overall, the season was relatively cool which gives a nice aroma potential to the fruit. The fruit was hand harvested in the early morning of August 24th.

WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for our 2016 Verdelho came from our estate vineyard in Calistoga. On August 24th 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 2017.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Verdelho has a nose of pineapple, a hint of kumquat and some mineral notes. The palate delivers crisp acidity, followed by more volume and a long citrus finish. This beautiful and unique wine works perfectly as an aperitif or first-course wine and pairs well with oysters, ceviche and sushi.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Verdelho	TA	6.35
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.7
VINEYARD	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	ALCOHOL	14%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel barrels	CASES	43
AGING	8 months <i>sur lie</i>		

