



# COQUEREL

## 2017 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 started 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

The 2017 vintage started with a large amount of rain after 6 years of drought in Napa Valley. The combination of the rain and the nice weather at bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop which was very welcome after the shortage of 2015. Overall, the season was relatively cool which gives a nice aroma potential to the fruit. Mid August we experienced a heat spike which allowed the fruit to finish ripening.

### WINEMAKING

All of the fruit for our 2017 Verdelho came from our estate vineyard in Calistoga. On August 30th 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. The wine was bottled in April 2018. The wine was bottled in May 2018.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 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

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Verdelho	<b>TA</b> .....	5
<b>REGION</b> .....	Calistoga, Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.7
<b>VINEYARD</b> .....	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	14%
<b>FERMENTATION</b> .....	Stainless steel barrels	<b>CASES</b> .....	173
<b>AGING</b> .....	8 months <i>sur lie</i>		

