



COQUEREL

2019 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, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. In 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These were planted at a density of 3000 vines/acre using 3309 rootstock and 2 clones 269 and 4. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Cabernet and other noble grapes from a handful of premier growers throughout the Napa Valley

VINTAGE

The vintage 2019 started with a wet winter and spring which provided a good water supply for the beginning of the vines growing season. The last rain was recorded at the end of May and by then some vineyards were already blooming. As a result, some experienced a lost crop. Our strategy of pruning the vineyard later also had an impact on delaying bloom until after the last rain. This paid off handsomely for our crop load. From May to veraison (end of July), we successfully controlled powdery mildew, which was a high concern in the Napa Valley this year due to the late rain. From veraison to harvest the weather was cooler than the previous vintage. The combination of the veraison delays and this cooler weather pushed the harvest two weeks later than the previous vintage. Our Verdelho was harvested on September 9th.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2019 Verdelho came from our estate Walnut Wash Vineyard in Calistoga. Once at the winery, the clusters were de-stemmed and gently pressed to avoid any bitterness. The juice was fermented in stainless steel barrels and aged *sur lie* with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place at the beginning of April 2020.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Verdelho is pure, fresh and delicious. The nose is expressive and powerful with lemon and pear fragrances. The palate is crisp with a round mid-palate and a long finish of white peach notes. It will pair perfectly with oysters, ceviche, fish dishes, Asian food and spicy food.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Verdelho	TA	5.8 g/L
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.5
VINEYARD	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	ALCOHOL	13.5%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel barrels	CASES	121
AGING	7 months <i>sur lie</i>		

