



# COQUEREL

## 2018 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 with Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 169 and 4 on 3309) and Cabernet Franc (clone 214 on riparia) with narrow spacing of 5x3. Vintage 2018 was our first production of Cabernet Franc and we are very excited to share it with you.

### VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 started as a dry winter and no serious rain occurred before March. This was perfectly timed with the vines bud break, but spring irrigation was needed in order to achieve a full canopy on our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard. The crop load was larger than the previous vintage due to the lack of spring frost which allowed for a nice flower set. The summer 2018 was cooler than average, no heat wave was recorded after veraison in the third week of July. The fruit for our Cabernet Franc ripened nicely. Harvest took place on October 15.

### WINEMAKING

Vintage 2018 was the first harvest for our Cabernet Franc on the Walnut Wash property. 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, barreled before malolactic fermentation and aged 20 months in French oak (25% new). Bottling took place in June 2020.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Cabernet Franc "Walnut Wash" has nice dark color. The nose is expressive and powerful with traces of strawberry, blackberry, and a hint of earth. The palate is dense and rich with soft tannin and a long finish of red cherry. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade. Our Estate Cabernet Franc can be paired with dishes such as filet mignon and lamb. Only 77 cases produced.

### STATISTICS

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| <b>COMPOSITION</b> ..... | 100% Cabernet Franc               | <b>TA</b> .....      | 6.47  |
| <b>REGION</b> .....      | Napa Valley                       | <b>pH</b> .....      | 3.56  |
| <b>AGING</b> .....       | 20 months in French oak (25% new) | <b>ALCOHOL</b> ..... | 14.5% |
|                          |                                   | <b>CASES</b> .....   | 77    |

