



COQUEREL

2016 COQUEREL TERROIR PETITE SIRAH

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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, 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

Vintage 2016 was the sixth vintage in a row of drought with a slightly different rain pattern than the previous vintage. 2016 had most of its rain late around bud break which caused the vine canopy growth to burst. This quick growth of vegetation made it a challenge for the vine workers to keep up with suckering. The spring-time morning temperature, especially during blizzards, was higher than the previous vintage and as a result the fruit set was abundant. This larger crop was welcome after the loss of 2015. No frost was recorded, and the summer was warm with cool mornings. In mid-September, we experienced a heat spike which is normal for California. We hand harvested our Petite Sirah on October 7th in the early morning.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently de-stemmed, cold macerated and fermented. The juice was pumped over the course of fermentation to extract as much fruit as possible. The wine was then pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged. Due to the concentration, the wine was aged in barrels for 34 months in French oak 25% new.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Petite Sirah is one large wine with a deep purple color, an indicator of the underlying depth and concentration. It has a spicy nose with a note of white pepper and a hint of dry leaves. The mouth-feel is rich with round tannins and a blackberry finish. While it is powerful, there is still a sense of elegance. This wine will pair well with meat dishes and vegetable stew.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Petite Sirah	TA	5.9
VINEYARD	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	pH	3.89
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	34 months in French oak	CASES	100 in May 2019
			8 96 in August 2020

