



# COQUEREL

## 2018 COQUEREL CABERNET FRANC BENNETT'S VINEYARD

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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 Chardonnay, Cabernet and other noble grapes from a handful of premier growers throughout the Napa Valley.

### VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 started as a dry winter. No serious rain occurred before March. Although perfectly timed with the vines bud break, 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 and allowed a nice flower set. The summer of 2018 was cooler than average, no heat wave was recorded after veraison in the third week of July. Our Cabernet Franc ripened nicely, and harvest took place on October 13th.

### WINEMAKING

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 into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged 20 months in French oak (25% new).

### TASTING NOTES

Our Cabernet Franc Bennett vineyard is located on a hillside slope in Coombsville. The wine has a nice rich color with a highly aromatic nose featuring dark berry, cassis. The palate is rich and has dense tannins, long finish with black cherry and a hint of toast. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade. This wine would pair wonderfully with pork and lamb dishes.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Cabernet Franc single vineyard	<b>TA</b> .....	5.8
<b>REGION</b> .....	Coombsville, Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.84
<b>AGING</b> .....	20 months in French oak (25% new)	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	14.8%
		<b>CASES</b> .....	80

