



COQUEREL

2018 TERROIR COQUEREL TEMPRANILLO

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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 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 the 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 of 2018 was cooler than average, no heat wave was recorded after veraison in the third week of July. Harvest took place on September 26th.

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, barreled before malolactic fermentation and aged 20 months in French oak (25% new). Bottling took place June 2020.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Walnut Wash Tempranillo has nice dark color. The nose has a note of earth and dry leaves with a hint of spiced vanilla. The palate is dense with soft tannin and a long finish of red cherry. It will pair perfectly with cheese, meat dishes. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Tempranillo Walnut Wash Vineyard	TA	5.73
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.90
FERMENTATION	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	125 Cases

