



COQUEREL

2019 COQUEREL CABERNET FRANC BENNETT'S VINEYARD

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 Chardonnay, 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. Our late vineyard pruning strategy, to limit frost control management, also had an impact on delaying bloom until after the last rain. This was handsome for our vineyard crop load. From May to veraison (end of July), we successfully controlled powdery mildew, which was a concern in the Napa Valley this year due to the late rain season. From veraison to harvest the weather was cooler than the previous vintage. We harvested our Cabernet Franc on October 18th in the early morning.

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 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 can be paired with dishes such as pork and lamb. You might also consider pairing it with a cheese plate.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc single vineyard	TA	5.96
REGION	Coombsville, Napa Valley	pH	3.8
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.8%
		CASES	73

