



COQUEREL

2019 COQUEREL CABERNET FRANC ESTATE 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

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 26th in the early morning.

WINEMAKING

Vintage 2019 was the second 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 June 2020.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Cabernet Franc “Walnut Wash” has a nice dark color. The nose is expressive and powerful with traces of strawberry, blackberry, and a hint of earth. The palate is dense, rich 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% Cabernet Franc	TA	6.72
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.48
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	158

