



# COQUEREL

## 2014 TERROIR TEMPRANILLO

| 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 and Petite Sirah. In 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These vineyards are planted high density with the best rootstocks and clones and will start producing during the 2017 vintage. 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 2014 vintage was another dry year for the vineyard and most of the precipitation occurred just before bud break. The spring rain was a welcome sight as it allowed for normal vine canopy growth. The rest of the growing season consisted of cool mornings and warm days. Much like the previous vintage, this growing period began earlier than anticipated. We had a dry spring with no frost after bud break, and an average crop load. The summer was warm with cool mornings. Mid-September and beginning of October we experienced a heat spike which is normal for California. The fruit was harvested during the early morning on October 3rd.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently de-stemmed, cold macerated and fermented in a one-ton bin. They were punched down over the course of fermentation to extract as much fruit as possible. The wine was then pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged 26 months in French oak.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Tempranillo has an intense black color, showing a nice concentration. The nose is earthy, with a hint of black pepper. The palate is rich and soft with a finish of black cherry. The wine is very elegant and will pair well with tomato-based dishes, spicy foods and many winter dishes.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Tempranillo	<b>TA</b> .....	5.4
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.7
<b>AGING</b> .....	26 months in used French oak barrels	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	14.5%
		<b>CASES</b> .....	86

