



COQUEREL

2014 TERROIR COQUEREL SAUVIGNON BLANC

— | WALNUT WASH 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 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

2014 was another dry year for the vineyard; 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 started earlier than anticipated and we began harvesting on August 23rd. We were planning to harvest the rest of our fruit on August 25, but a 6.1 earthquake struck Napa on August 24th at 3:20 am. This definitely changed our harvest plan. The winery we utilize in the making of our Coquerel wines was damaged; eight hundred barrels from previous vintages had fallen to the cellar floor. We were finally able to hand harvest early in the morning on August 28th. The winemaking community of Napa assisted us in finding a winery to host Coquerel Wines for crush and fermentation.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2014 Terroir Sauvignon Blanc came from our estate Walnut Wash Vineyard in Calistoga. Once in the winery the clusters were de-stemmed and gently pressed to avoid any bitterness. The juice was settled and fermented in small French oak barrels, 10% of which were new. The wine was aged sur lie with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place in May 2015.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Terroir follows in the footsteps of its predecessors. Although somewhat restrained in its youth, the bouquet is redolent with orange marmalade, kumquat and a hint of vanilla. The palate opens with zingy acidity followed by a creamy mid-palate and a long finish packed with grapefruit and guava. While it drinks beautifully now, this is one of those rare Sauvignon Blancs that will continue to improve with age.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc	TA	5.98
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.3
VINEYARD	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	ALCOHOL	13.5%
AGING	7 months in 100% French oak (10% new), weekly stirring of lees	CASES	193

