



COQUEREL

2015 TERROIR COQUEREL SAUVIGNON BLANC

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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 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

2015 was another challenging growing season; the vineyard was beset with a low rainfall for the fourth year in the row with a majority of the precipitation occurring in December 2014 and February 2015. The bud break of the vines was early but the canopy growth was slow due to the drought. A small crop size allowed the fruit to mature quickly and we harvested during the early morning of August 19th.

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 June 2016.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 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	6.3
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.34
VINEYARD	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	ALCOHOL	13.5%
AGING	7 months in 100% French oak (10% new), weekly stirring of lees	CASES	193

