



COQUEREL

2018 VERDELHO

| 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 started 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

Vintage 2018 started as a dry winter. No serious rain occurred before March. It was perfectly timed with the vines bud break. The crop load was smaller than the previous vintage due to a light fruit set, but the fruit were very fragrant. The summer 2018 was cooler than average, no heat wave was recorded after veraison in the third week of July. Consequently, harvest started two weeks later than 2017 on September 3, but earlier than our Sauvignon Blanc which had a normal crop load.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2018 Verdelho 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 fermented in stainless steel barrels and aged sur lie with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place mid March 2019.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Verdelho is pure, has a fresh nose with a note of lemon and a hint of mineral. The palate is crisp with a round mid-palate and a long finish expressive of nectarine. It will pair perfectly with ceviche, oysters, seafood fare, Asian food and even a cheese plate.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Verdelho	TA	6.6 g/L
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.65
VINEYARD	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	ALCOHOL	13.5%
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel barrels	CASES	81
AGING	7 months <i>sur lie</i>		

