



COQUEREL

2016 TERROIR COQUEREL TEMPRANILLO WALNUT WASH

|| 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, a gorgeous, oak-studded property that sits in the afternoon shadows of the Mayacamas Mountains. Since 2005, we have extensively enhanced, upgraded and replanted 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 Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc vineyards on the estate. These Vineyards blocks were planted in tight spacing with the best root stock and clones to produce high density fruit. These vines will start producing in 2017. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Chardonnay, Cabernet and other noble grapes from a handful of prestigious growers throughout the Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2016 was the sixth vintage in a row of drought with a rain pattern slightly different than the previous vintage. 2016 got most of its rain late around bud break which burst the vine canopy growth. This quick growth of vegetation made it a challenge for the vine workers to keep up with suckering. The spring time morning temperature, especially during blown, was higher than the previous vintage consequently the fruit set was abundant. This larger crop was welcome after the lost of 2015. No frost was recorded. The summer was warm with cool mornings. Mid-September, we experienced a heat spike which is normal for California. We hand harvested our Tempranillo September 9 in the early morning.

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 wine has an earthy nose with a hint of raspberry and soft round tannins with a long finish. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next 10 years.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Tempranillo Walnut Wash Vineyard	TA	5.9
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.88
FERMENTATION	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	22 Cases

