



# COQUEREL

## 2020 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, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. In 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These were planted at a density of 3000 vines/acre using 3309 rootstock and 2 clones 269 and 4. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Cabernet Franc from a premier grower in Napa Valley.

### VINTAGE

The vintage 2020 started with a good rain in December 2019 through January. February was the driest and warmest recorded in the last 10 years. From March to May very little rain was recorded. Budbreak on the property occurred as usual around the third week of March. From veraison to harvest the weather was warmer than the previous vintage. We cannot talk about the 2020 vintage without mentioning the COVID pandemic which changed the way we worked in the vineyard, and the fire season which started very early in August making this vintage an extremely challenging one. Our Verdelho was harvested on August 26th.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2020 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 at the beginning of March 2021.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2020 Verdelho is pure, fresh and delicious. The nose is expressive and powerful with lemon and pear fragrances. The palate is crisp with a round mid-palate with lime peel flavor and a long finish of white peach notes. Pairs well with oysters, ceviche and spicy food.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Verdelho	<b>TA</b> .....	55.65 g/L
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.56
<b>VINEYARD</b> .....	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	13.5%
<b>FERMENTATION</b> .....	Stainless steel barrels	<b>CASES</b> .....	62
<b>AGING</b> .....	7 months <i>sur lie</i>		

