



COQUEREL

2018 COQUEREL TERROIR CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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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, 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 also source a small amount of Cabernet Franc from a premier grower in Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 started as a dry winter. No serious rain occurred before March and it was perfectly timed with the vines bud break. Spring irrigation was needed in order to achieve a full canopy on our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard. The crop load was larger than the previous vintage due to the lack of spring frost. The summer of 2018 was cooler than average, no heat wave was recorded after veraison in the third week of July. Our Cabernet Sauvignon ripened nicely and harvest took place on October 13, 2018.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, cold macerated for 24 hours and punched down throughout fermentation to extract as much flavor as possible. The wine was then pressed, barreled before malolactic fermentation and aged 20 months in French oak (25% new). Bottling took place June 2020.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 "Walnut Wash" has nice dark color. The nose has a note of blackberries. The palate is dense with soft tannin and a long finish of red cherry. It will pair perfectly with cheese and meat dishes. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	75% Cabernet Sauvignon 25% Cabernet Franc	TA	6.2
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.6
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	335

