



COQUEREL

2019 MERLOT

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 2019 started with a wet winter and spring which provided a good water supply for the beginning of the vines growing season. The last rain was recorded at the end of May. Our late vineyard pruning strategy, to limit frost control management, also had an impact on delaying bloom until after the last rain. This was handsome for our vineyard crop load. From May to veraison (end of July), we successfully controlled powdery mildew, which was a concern in the Napa Valley this year due to the late rain season. From veraison to harvest the weather was cooler than the previous vintage.

WINEMAKING

Our 2019 Merlot comes from several vineyards with different landscapes in Calistoga and Yountville, Napa Valley. The combination of these vineyards was chosen to build our finished wine. In Calistoga, the vineyards on the valley floor with a higher clay composition bring an elegant black fruit aroma. In Yountville, the vineyard has more gravel and less capacity to hold water which allows the vineyard to stop growing earlier and concentrate on more tannin in the berry. These different terroirs of Napa Valley bring a variety of texture to the finished wine. Harvest took place at the various vineyards throughout the month of September 2019.

TASTING NOTES

Our Merlot is a very powerful wine with a dark color and a highly aromatic nose featuring black current, spice with black pepper note, with a hint of toast. The palate is rich and dense tannins, long finish with dark berries. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	50% Calistoga, 50% Yountville	TA	7.17
REGION	Napa Valley	pH	3.48
AGING	24 months in French oak	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	86