



# COQUEREL

## 2020 NOTRE CUVEE

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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 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 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. Harvest took place in September.

### WINEMAKING

Notre is a fun red blend of 50% of Zinfandel, 31% of Charbono, 10% Grenache, and 9% Petite Sirah. All varieties came from Calistoga and were harvested in the second half of September 2020. The blend was made 3 months after fermentation and aged 5 more months in French oak.

### TASTING NOTES

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. Pairs wonderfully with smoked meats, spicy food, slow roasted meats and short rib pappardelle pasta.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Calistoga	<b>TA</b> .....	6.25
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.78
<b>AGING</b> .....	8 months in French oak	<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
		<b>CASES</b> .....	79