



COQUEREL

2021 TERROIR COQUEREL PETITE SIRAH

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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 a few other noble grapes from a handful of premier growers throughout the Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was challenging with a very dry winter and a windy spring. The rainfall only brought around 10 inches. The management of irrigation was a thoughtful process, starting at bloom in May to grow a substantial canopy. To save water, suckering was done earlier than the previous vintage. Overall, our vineyard yield was similar to our 2020 vintage. Our Petite Sirah was harvested on the night of September 14th.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, cold macerated for 48 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 in May of 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Petite Sirah "Walnut Wash" has a nice dark inky and purple color. The nose has a note of raspberry with a hint of pepper. The palate is very dense with soft tannin and a long finish of red berries. It will pair perfectly with meat dishes, such as short ribs or ribeye with a raspberry demi-glaze. While this wine drinks beautifully now, it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Petite Sirah	TA	7.19
VINEYARD	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	pH	3.62
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	CASES	97

