



COQUEREL

2021 COQUEREL CABERNET FRANC BENNETT'S VINEYARD

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

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage has been extremely challenging with a very dry winter and spring with daily wind. The annual rainfall brought about 10 inches. The management of irrigation was thoughtful, 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 Cabernet Franc was harvested in the evening on September 27th.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, and cold macerated for 48 hours. They were fermented in a small tank with gentle punch downs with controlled temperature throughout fermentation to extract soft tannin and delicate flavor. The wine was then pressed, barreled before malolactic fermentation, and aged for 20 months in French oak (25% new). Bottling took place in May 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Our Bennett Vineyard Cabernet Franc comes from a hillside in Coombsville. The wine has a nice deep color with a highly aromatic nose featuring blueberries, with a hint of pepper. The palate is rich and dense tannins, long finish with black cherry and a hint of toast. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade. This wine can be paired with dishes such as pork and lamb-based recipes. You might also consider pairing it with a gourmet cheese plate.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc single vineyard	TA	6.3
REGION	Coombsville, Napa Valley	pH	3.75
AGING	20 months in French oak (25% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	76

